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TO OUR PIONEERS

Whatever may have been accomplished by local as well as state groups is due entirely to the vision, the courage and the splendid efforts of the leaders in each organization since the summer of 1917.

The committee of former presidents appointed to prepare this history of the past thirty years has worked over records and volumes of official minutes, club papers, scrapbooks, etc., in an effort to present the highlights of each passing year. Read these pages and resolve to go forward to better and bigger things during the coming years.

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Marian Ingham
Ida M. Anderson
Mabel E. Ward
Adah O. Frost
Bessie Thornton, *State Historian*

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Part I

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A HISTORY

1917—1947

Preface To The History

When you look inside the covers of this history you will find two parts: Part I and Part II. Part I includes the years, 1917-1947. Part II contains the years 1947-1968, plus each club's history. Part I is repeated exactly as it was written in 1947, though it may be arranged in a somewhat different manner for convenience in reading. It contains the story of the organization of the Indiana Federation and covers the years by presidents, reviewing what occurred during a particular state president's term of office and during State Convention. In this part, references are made to achievements of clubs as an event of unusual dimensions occurred. It is repeated for you, the reader, because copies of the 1947 edition are practically non-existent.

Part II continues with the years each state president served and gives an account of achievements and accomplishments at the state level during the years 1947-1968. Individual club histories are arranged alphabetically. The story is told of each club's organization and its achievements are narrated according to material submitted by each club.

Club members in Indiana, including the editors of Part II, owe a debt of gratitude to the committee which put into such beautiful language the events narrated in Part I, bequeathing to all of us material which would be very difficult to find through research at the present date.

For you, the member, this history of the Indiana Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs was prepared for the Golden Anniversary—1968. It is hoped that you will enjoy reading about its accomplishments and achievements over a period of fifty years.

Tella Haines and Lettie Trefz

ORGANIZATION

[illegible]—Miss Elizabeth [illegible]

Indianapolis, Indiana

Organization Chairman

The Indiana Federation of Business and Professional Women was organized by representatives of [illegible] March 17 and 18, 1919, at the [illegible] Hotel in Indianapolis. The name was chosen [illegible] and it was affiliated with [illegible] which was [illegible] July [illegible], 1919, [illegible].

[illegible] business and professional women [illegible]

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ORGANIZATION

1917 — Miss Elizabeth Rainey

Indianapolis, Indiana

Organization Chairman

The Indiana Federation of Business and Professional Women was organized by representatives of twelve clubs from over the state March 15 and 16, 1918, at the Claypool Hotel in Indianapolis. The name first chosen for the state group was the Woman's Association of Commerce, and it was affiliated with the National Woman's Association of Commerce, which was organized July 12 to 16, 1917, in Chicago.

Representatives from Indiana clubs attending this first convention of business and professional women were so enthusiastic over hearing descriptions of work done by clubs in the states of the Middle West, as well as in Canada, that they came home filled with enthusiasm and began immediately to plan to bring all the clubs in the state together in a state organization.

Miss Elizabeth Rainey was chairman of the committee on organization and was to have presided at the convention sessions but lost her voice on the eve of the convention. Miss Nelle Allemong of Indianapolis took her place. Other members of the organization committee were Miss Mamie L. Bass, Indianapolis, vice-chairman; Miss Alice Anderson, Indianapolis, secretary, and Miss Elizabeth Sweets, general secretary of the Indianapolis Y. W. C. A., treasurer. Members of the advisory committee, which has assisted with the planning of the convention were Mrs. R. Harry Miller, Miss Mamie Larsh, Miss Ida M. Anderson, Miss Nelle Hayes, Miss Florence H. Herz, Miss Mary Luella Mercer, Miss Clara L. Day, Miss Nelle Allemong and Miss Laura Resener, all of Indianapolis: Miss Estella V. L. Sherrill, Shelbyville; Miss Hazel Huddelson, Knightstown; Miss Edna Herron, Crawfordsville; Miss Dove C. Meredith, Rushville; Miss Gertrude S. Perkins, South Bend; Mrs. A. Riebolt, East Chicago; and Mrs. Lenore Hanna Cox, of Terre Haute.

The program for this first state convention covered a discussion of opportunities in fields represented by women in attendance, such as sheep raising, court reporting, salesmanship, banking, real estate, lumber, and insurance. Miss Florence King of Chicago, president of the National Woman's Association of Commerce, was the principal out of town speaker.

Officers elected for year 1918-1919

President	Nelle Allemong, Indianapolis
1st Vice President	M. Edythe Wells, Evansville
2nd Vice President	Elizabeth Sweets, Indianapolis
Recording Secretary	Estella Tarney, Anderson
Corresponding Secretary	Forba McDaniel, Indianapolis
Treasurer	Mrs. H. H. Darnell, Lebanon

The board of directors included Mrs. Katherine Streeter, Terre Haute; Miss Isadora Kessler, Indianapolis; Miss Josephine McCorkle, Evansville; Mrs. D. W. Robertson, Crawfordsville; Miss Dove C. Meredith, Rushville; Mrs. Mary B. Lombard. Spencer; Mrs. Louise J. Myers, Anderson; Miss Nina Ray Swift, Marion; Miss Nelle Hayes, Indianapolis; Mrs. Alice Riebolt, East Chicago; Miss Mary Pavey, Frankfort; and Miss Estella V. L. Sherrill, Shelbyville.

From the very beginning the state organization took an active part in all current affairs that affect women. Resolutions at this first convention pledged the organization to promote the advancement of business women and the general welfare of women in all lines of work, commended Governor James P. Goodrich for the appointment of a woman factory inspector and favored the adoption of the Susan B. Anthony woman suffrage amendment.

In November of 1918—after the Armistice—members of the state board took exception to the appeal of German women for modification of the terms of the Armistice in the following resolution:

> "Whereas, An appeal has been made by the women of Germany to certain women of the United States that they use their influence to obtain certain changes in the terms of the Armistice, be it
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> Resolved, That it is the feeling of those present that the German women should be reminded that they forget the sisterhood of women when they applauded the sinking of the Lusitania; when they raised no voice of protest or condemnation at the murder of Edith Cavell; when they passively acquiesced in the murder of thousands of American women and children; when they passively acquiesced in the removal of all foodstuffs from occupied territories, leaving the inhabitants thereof to starve; when they permitted their soldiers without rebuke to murder, rape, burn, and pillage without restraint everywhere they had the might to go; when they were systematically cruel to prisoners of war, even to the extent of holding water to their parched lips and then dashing it to

the ground before they could touch it, and gleefully laughing at their misery; and be it

Resolved, That these German women be advised that the women of the United States have full confidence in the wisdom and justice of the men who drew up the terms of the Armistice and see no occasion for embarrassing them with any attempted interference with the terms thereof".

But these women did more than pass resolutions. They got down to a pretty close analysis of things that really would promote the advancement of business and professional women and kept their ears to the ground for signs of movements that might restrict their activities. It was well that these women had been on the alert because in the second year of the state organization's existence—in 1920, to be exact—the women rallied to the front to defeat a bill introduced in the state legislature by the Indiana League of Women Voters that would have put about half of the women out of jobs. This bill called for a limitation of the working hours of women, along with restrictions as to the kind of work they could do. The bill was so generally unfair that members of the General Assembly themselves said it would have been class legislation and therefore unconstitutional even if passed. The members of the League of Women Voters admitted afterwards that their hopes were to so restrict women's work that they would be forced to go back into their homes as housekeepers, maids, etc., following the end of the war.

Women from the states having such legislation, who had been thrown out of good jobs because of it, volunteered their stories at public hearings on the Indiana bill, women from banks, from factories, and from all sorts of business institutions expressed their views, asking only to be let alone and left free from so-called "protective" legislation. In spite of the tremendous political and social influence and pressure brought by some of the advocates of the bill, the Woman's Association of Commerce received much credit for defeating it.

At succeeding sessions of the Indiana General Assembly the League of Women Voters came right back with other similar bills for many years, but until 1931 the result had always been the same. At that time a law was passed prohibiting women over 18 from working after 10:00 o'clock at night. During the war this restriction was relaxed and at the January 1947 meeting of the state council the representatives attending went on record as favoring a bill then pending in the General Assembly which "extends for two years the relaxing of restrictions on hours of employment for women over 18". In adopting unanimously the resolution presented by Miss Genevieve

Brown, chairman of the legislative committee, the women also reaffirmed their stand against so-called "protective" legislation. Thus the Indiana Business and Professional Women are proud of the fact that the Hoosier state is one of the very few in the country in which there are no laws restricting women.

Miss Nelle Allemong, state president, headed a goodly delegation from the state organization attending the second annual convention of the Women's Association of Commerce of the United States in Cincinnati, July 16 - 19, 1918.

CONVENTION—Indianapolis—1919

At the second annual convention March 22nd, 1919, Miss Nelle Allemong, president, reported that the 700 members in the nine clubs of the state had bought more than $100,000 worth of Liberty Bonds and War Savings Stamps, and plans were made for participation in the Victory Loan to start April 21st. She emphasized the hearty cooperation that had been received from men, individually, and their organizations during the first year.

An evidence of this feeling is shown in the following editorial which appeared in The Indianapolis News March 22nd, 1919.

THE BUSINESS WOMEN

"Indianapolis—long known as a convention city—has the honor today to play host for the second time to the annual convention of the Woman's Association of Commerce of Indiana. During the years this organization has been in existence it has had a healthy and merited growth with the result that it now represents more than 700 Hoosier business women.

"The idea of organization among the business women of the state has taken root and as a result of today's conference there are indications that numerous other local bodies will become identified with the state association. Through this organization the women who are engaged in business find a medium of expression and a medium through which many of their peculiar and particular problems may be solved. For many years the business men of the state have maintained organizations, and they have found that it was to their advantage to join associations that represented all classes of business. The women have seen that this practice is well grounded. They have come together not only for mutual benefit, but for the reason that by the exchange of ideas and the advocacy of certain principles they can be a benefit to the business women of the whole state as well as a benefit to themselves.

"Telling the story of what women have done to help business in Indiana and especially what they did in industry and the professions during the war would be repeating something that has been told many times before. Such services valiantly and efficiently performed are fresh in the minds of the people. They realize that woman has found her place in commercial life, and that now she has arrived she is going to stay. So the community is glad to have such a representative body of women here for a state convention. It feels certain that whatever the assembly decides today will be creditable to the best traditions of Indiana women."

Miss Allemong also reported that club members had knitted 1,746 garments for the American Red Cross and were supporting fifty French orphans. She said that Estella V. L. Sherrill, of Shelbyville, a member of the state board of directors, had gone to France as a Y. W. C. A. secretary.

Considerable impetus was given to the work of organizing new clubs in Indiana during the winter of 1918 and 1919 by the arrival of Mrs. Elizabeth Sears of New York. After the Armistice was signed, and it was apparent that the government would not need the huge sums of money raised during the Victory Loan, government officials took steps to see that at least some of this money was returned to the people who had contributed so generously. Because these officials had been seriously handicapped by the fact that there was no information on file any place in Washington about what kinds of work women were engaged in, and the names and addresses of experts in certain fields were not available, it was decided that something should be done to help business women organize themselves in such a way that needed facts could be obtained. So the United States was divided into three regions. and Mrs. Sears was assigned to the Middle West. Mrs. Sears visited the Indiana clubs and helped to organize new ones telling women of the part the government was playing in setting up a national convention in St. Louis, July 14 - 18, 1919. to be held in connection with the third annual convention of the Women's Association of Commerce of the United States.

Officers elected for year 1919-1920

President	Ida M. Anderson, Indianapolis
1st Vice President	Elizabeth Rainey, Indianapolis
2nd Vice President	Lillian Pickett, Marion
Recording Secretary	Estella Tarney, Anderson
Corresponding Secretary	Forba McDaniel, Indianapolis
Treasurer	Mrs. H. H. Darnell, Lebanon

Each of the visiting state delegations attending the St. Louis convention had been asked to present a tableau that would be truly representative of its locality. The Indiana women, of whom there was a large delegation, chose Miss Dove C. Meredith to represent Mrs. Gene Stratton Porter, and Miss Meredith asked the noted author for the use of one of her costumes and for a message to be read on that occasion. When the black velvet curtain was lifted and Miss Meredith appeared, she was easily recognized by her outfit and by the message she gave from Mrs. Porter, which was as follows:

"In the beginning of the end, a great swamp region lay in northeastern Indiana. Its head was in what is now Noble and Dekalb counties, its body in Allen and Wells and its feet in southern Adams and northern Jay; it extended about 100 miles in length and twenty-five in width. The Limberlost lies at the foot, and at first it was exactly as described in the books.

"The process of dismantling it was as told in "Freckles" to start with, carried on in "A Girl of the Limberlost" and finished in "Moths of the Limberlost". Now it has so completely fallen prey to commercialism, through the devastation of lumbermen, oilmen, and farmers that I am being forced to move my cabin and working territory about seventy miles north, to the head of the swamp in Noble county, where there are many lakes, miles of unbroken marsh and a far greater wealth of plant and animal life than ever existed in the southern Limberlost.

"At the north end every bird that frequents the central states is to be found. Here grow in profusion many orchids, fringed gentians, cardinal-flower, turtle-head, starry campion, purple gerardia, and grass of Parnassus. In one season I have found here almost every flower described in the botanies as belonging to these regions and some that are not.

"It is quite impossible for me to travel over the country addressing clubs and societies. I am far too busy. Then, too, by writing what I have to say I can reach hundreds of thousands; so figuring in the large I feel that I can do much more good 'in my chimney corner'.

"The Limberlost greets you in this hour

With the undying joy of bird and flower"

Another Indiana woman who played a forceful part in the success of the St. Louis convention was Miss Lillian Carr, formerly of Fowler, Indiana, who at that time was in the advertising business in St. Louis. Miss Carr was one of the editors of a small pamphlet called "Can Happen" which appeared under the door of all the visitors early every morning. This pamphlet later became "The Independent Woman", the official publication of the National

Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs. In this little publication appeared stories of the outstanding women visitors and their work, and encouraging items showing progress in plans for completing convention work, etc. All the Indiana women assisted Miss Carr in every way they could, and they came home feeling that she had played a prominent part in the convention.

CONVENTION—Indianapolis—1920

By the time the 1920 convention rolled around thirteen clubs had joined the state organization, which voted to change its name to the Indiana Federation of Business and Professional Women, thereby bringing all of its clubs automatically into the National Federation. The Woman's Rotary Club of Evansville, with a delegation of thirteen members, carried off the honors for having the largest delegation present at the convention. Mrs. F. J. Scholz was president of this club at that time and later served as national vice president for the National Federation.

At the 1920 annual convention of the Indiana Federation the following resolution was adopted:

"Whereas we favor adequate pay for men and women in any and all kinds of employment but view with alarm extravagant demands of extremists who, apparently with no thought or care for the welfare of others, make unreasonable and impossible demands, therefore be it

Resolved, That we call upon all women to take a safe and sane attitude toward labor and production problems, and to insist at all times, not only upon adequate pay for a day's work but adequate work for a day's pay as well".

There was also a resolution asking compensation adequate for the service performed by teachers in the public schools.

Writing on the National convention held in St. Paul in 1920 Miss Rainey said:

"This convention took no stand which could not have been taken by business men. The women talked about equal pay for equal work. But they insisted that the work shall be equal before the pay is equal. Think of the job first, and then the wage will be added to you. They know because they have been through the mill".

The banquet speaker was Miss Jessie Ackerman, of Peking, China, whose subject was "The Psychology of Mobs".

Officers elected for year 1920-1921

President	Ida M. Anderson, Indianapolis
1st Vice President	Mrs. F. J. Sholz, Evansville
2nd Vice President	Herriott Palmer, Franklin
Recording Secretary	Goldine Grove, Frankfort
Corresponding Secretary	Forba McDaniel, Indianapolis
Treasurer	Gertrude McDaniel, Anderson

The Indiana Federation was well represented at the second annual convention of the National Federation at St. Paul, Minnesota, July 27th to 30th, 1920. At this convention Mrs. Lena Lake Forrest, of Detroit, was reelected president. Merica Hoagland, Indianapolis, was appointed Personal Research Chairman for the National Federation and served in that capacity until 1924.

CONVENTION—Indianapolis—1921

The principal speaker at this convention was Mrs. Lena Lake Forrest, of Detroit, national president. Other guests included a delegation from the Cincinnati club who were getting ready to form a similar organization in Ohio.

From the very beginning Indiana women had the wise counsel and guidance of National Federation leaders, thereby gaining tremendous inspiration for the laying of the cornerstone for a strong and stable state organization. A part of Mrs. Forrest's address on that occasion was as follows:

"Away on the farthermost hill of tomorrow I see the emblem of the Federation, headless, armless, but with all the strength of ages past, with all the courage for battles yet to be won. She stands clear against the Federation sky. I see great armies of marching women. The nearest and largest is the army of American business women. There are new leaders there. The leaders of today are gone. The leaders of tomorrow are the young women of the yesterday of this Federation. On their faces is the light of courage and the hope and enthusiasm of youth. Marching behind them and beside them are the pioneer women of this Federation but on their faces is that calm assurance born of great faith that that which is to be done will be done.

"Marching behind them I see the tens of thousands of women who have come into the business world and who are coming in the next few years. Marching side by side with the American army is the army of Canadian women; so closely do they walk with us that even the imaginary boundary line cannot be found.

"I see a quiet, expectant-faced army of women from the Orient. I see an army from the islands of the sea, and I see the great well-organized group of women from the countries of Europe.

"If you will look you will see that every face in all those armies is turned toward the figure which stands on the top of the mountain."

And thus the vision of an International Organization brought to us at that early date!

Officers elected for year 1921-1922

President	Nina Cox, Indianapolis
1st Vice President	Roberta Stahr, Elkhart
2nd Vice President	Goldine Grove, Frankfort
Recording Secretary	Nell Hyatt, Lebanon
Corresponding Secretary	Clara M. G. Berns, Indianapolis
Treasurer	Gertrude McDaniel, Anderson

Representatives of Indiana clubs traveled in a special car to the third annual convention of the National Federation in Cleveland July, 18 to 23, 1921.

CONVENTION—Indianapolis—1922

Officers elected for year 1922-1923

President	Forba McDaniel, Indianapolis
1st Vice President	Stella Clodfelter, Crawfordsville
2nd Vice President	Mrs. Alice Thumma, Anderson
Recording Secretary	Sue Stuart, Indianapolis
Corresponding Secretary	Frances Kelly, Indianapolis
Treasurer	Florence Coffin, Indianapolis

Miss McDaniel headed a large delegation of Indiana women to the fourth annual convention of the National Federation, which was held in Chattanooga, Tennessee, in July of 1922. In her response to the address of welcome at this convention Miss McDaniel used the phrase "A Better Business Woman for a Better Business World", which was immediately chosen as the slogan for the National Federation. At this convention, too, the National Federation adopted as its educational policy a "high school education for every girl". Dr. Orie Latham Hatcher, of Richmond, Virginia, who has written many books on vocational guidance, was the first chairman of the national educational committee and was successful in having this program carried down to the local educational committees in every club affiliated with the national body.

Ida M. Anderson of Indianapolis was elected first vice president of the National Federation.

CONVENTION—Franklin—1923

Forba McDaniel, president, made the following suggestions: that a scholarship fund be established in every affiliated club in the state, that a Business and Professional Woman's Club be organized in every county in the state, and that district or group meetings be held once a year in various parts of the state.

Mamie D. Larsh, chairman of the legislative committee, made special mention of the work of the Federation to defeat the proposed bill for legislative restriction for women.

Sixteen clubs are affiliated with the Federation, and of this group six came in during the year.

Officers elected for year 1923-1924

President	Mrs. Ethel McCaslin Bailey, Franklin
1st Vice President	Stella Clodfelter, Indianapolis
2nd Vice President	Mrs. Alice Thumma, Anderson
Recording Secretary	Lucille Palmer, Franklin
Corresponding Secretary	Pauline Harrison, Franklin
Treasurer	Florence Coffin, Indianapolis

A large group of Indiana women traveled with other state delegates on a special train of the Canadian Pacific to the fifth annual convention of the Federation at Portland, Oregon, in July 1923. Inasmuch as the Texas Federation withdrew its invitation to entertain the National body in Dallas in 1924, which was extended at the Chattanooga Convention in 1922, Miss

Merica Hoagland of Indianapolis suggested that the National Federation meet at West Baden.

CONVENTION—West Baden—1924

This state convention was held in connection with the National Federation's annual gathering. The state federation had many committees at work during the year working with national committees on the program, social affairs, and recreational features for the entertainment of visiting members as well as the many guests who came to get information to help start new clubs. For many Indiana women this was to be their first national convention, and they looked forward with much pleasure to mingling with women from all over the country.

Officers elected for year 1924-1925

President	Gertrude Barrett, Muncie
1st Vice President	Kaloolah Howe, Evansville
2nd Vice President	Mrs. Helen Shaw Krutz, Goshen
Recording Secretary	Dr. Harriet Wiley, Portland
Corresponding Secretary	Ella Symons, Muncie
Treasurer	Mrs. Martha Vinnedge, Anderson

At the National Convention at West Baden "The Golden Key" written by Carrie Jacobs Bond and dedicated by her to the National Federation was sung by Mrs. Gertrude Kilgore, a member of the Muncie Club.

CONVENTION—Evansville—1925

Mrs. Olivette Miller of the Extension Committee reported 16 new clubs organized this year, making 40 clubs in 32 counties in Indiana, including six new clubs from the 8th district. On April 26, this district held at Portland the first district conference ever held in the state. Jennie Rae Hersch, district chairman, was responsible for the success of this meeting. Indiana was now leading in the number of clubs with Kansas holding 2nd place. "The Independent Woman" was endorsed by editors of leading national magazines. The name of Gertrude Barrett was placed on the ticket for national vice president. About 200 attended the banquet at the McCurdy Hotel. Mary L.

Johnston, of Trenton, New Jersey, 2nd Vice President of the National Federation, gave the principal address. She reviewed the early days of the National Federation history:—

"Woman has taken her place in the last few years as a moving factor in the affairs of the world. The women who dreamed federation in its early days are seeing their dearest dreams realized more fully with the passing of each year. The best thing I could ask is that you may catch the vision that these splendid women had. Keep the torch burning and hand it on to those younger women who come along after us."

Officers elected for year 1925-1926

President	Mrs. Helen Shaw Krutz, Goshen
1st Vice President	Kaloolah Howe, Evansville
2nd Vice President	Dr. Harriet Wiley, Portland
Recording Secretary	Jennie Rae Hersch, Portland
Corresponding Secretary	Ruth Hawks, Goshen
Treasurer	Mrs. Martha Vinnedge, Anderson

CONVENTION—South Bend—1926

Thirty-two clubs of the forty-three in the state were represented at this convention. Up to this time state conventions had been held in March. It was decided to hold the 1927 convention in May.

Officers elected for year 1926-1927

President	Mary C. Kennedy, Lafayette
1st Vice President	Marian Ingham, Fort Wayne
2nd Vice President	Daisy Harrison, South Bend
Recording Secretary	Jennie Rae Hersch, Portland
Corresponding Secretary	Mrs. Hazel Bryant, Lafayette
Treasurer	Grace Graves, New Castle

CONVENTION—Lafayette—1927

The Hoosier Business Women financed by advertising made its first appearance in December, 1926, a copy being mailed to each member. An impressive initiation ceremony prepared by the Franklin club was adopted as a state ceremony. Indiana chose "Abe Martin" as its state identification emblem, and it was used at the Des Moines convention.

The Occupational Survey put out by the University of Michigan was discussed, and members were asked to fill out questionnaires for this project.

The convention voted to incorporate the Indiana Federation of Business and Professional Women, to approve the Reed-Curtis Bill providing for a department of Education with a secretary in the President's cabinet, to recommend a permanent Federal Employment Service and the Fess Amendment to the Smith-Hughes at providing for placing training in home economics on the same basis as that in trade and agriculture. It took a stand against Protective Legislation but favored the Child Labor Law.

Six hundred and seventy-five members attended this convention. The state membership totaled 3,172.

Officers elected for year 1927-1928

President	Marian Ingham, Fort Wayne
1st Vice President	Jennie Rae Hersch, Portland
2nd Vice President	Daisy Harrison, South Bend
Recording Secretary	Gladys Riddle, Connersville
Corresponding Secretary	Mary Tumbleson, Fort Wayne
Treasurer	Grace Graves, New Castle

CONVENTION—Michigan City—1928

Forty-seven delegates from seventeen Indiana clubs attended the National convention at Oakland, California, in July, 1927, where Edna Browning Ruby, of Lafayette, artist, designer, and lecturer, was proclaimed the most outstanding woman in business in the United States. Judge Florence Allen, of Cleveland, of the Ohio Supreme Court, and more recently of the United States District Court of Appeals, was voted the most outstanding professional woman.

A tri-state conference (Indiana, Ohio, and Michigan) November 26 and 27 in Ft. Wayne, attended by almost 300 women was so successful that Lena Madesin Phillips, president, and Emily R. Kneubuhl, executive secretary of the National Federation, expanded the idea into the regional conferences.

Six new clubs were organized this year: Salem, Shelbyville, Peru, Vincennes, Angola, and Greenfield, making 54 in the state. Mrs. Inez Stitsworth, of Muncie, then reported to the national Federation that the emblem contest, sponsored by the Emblem Committee, was won by Sullivan with 68% wearers of the pin and Clinton second with 54%.

National Business Women's Week was celebrated April 15 - 22, 1928.

The convention endorsed a movement for a fireproof museum and state library.

Merica E. Hoagland, chairman, presented the Code for Industrial Women worked out by the Findings Committee of the National Association of Manufacturers in explanation of her committee's request that each club study so-called protective legislation for women before voting in favor of an Equal Rights Bill. Upon her recommendation, the convention voted to accept the offer of Dr. Marie Kast of the Methodist Hospital, Indianapolis, to supervise a survey of working conditions of women in industrial organizations and voted to help finance it.

The large satin gold and blue state banner with stars affixed wherever a club exists, made its initial appearance at the state convention.

Officers elected for year 1928-1929

President	Jennie Rae Hersch, Portland
1st Vice President	Gladys Riddle, Connersville
2nd Vice President	Marie Tudor, Indianapolis
Corresponding Secretary	Rose Self Sullivan
Recording Secretary	Lulu Mulligan, Portland
Treasurer	Mrs. Bonnie Robertson, Hammond

CONVENTION—Terre Haute—1929

October 12, 1928, Elizabeth Rainey was authorized to arrange for copyrighting the name "Hoosier Business Woman".

Merica E. Hoagland, chairman of the Personnel Research Committee reported that a survey was made of industrial and commercial conditions in Indiana among both men and women. This was conducted in cooperation with the School of Commerce Bureau of Business Research Department of Indiana University. With facts assembled for study this survey will be an outstanding feature which our federation is pleased to offer as its contribution for the year.

The precedent established last year of a conference in each of the 13 congressional districts was continued successfully this year. Two tri-state conferences were held—a Federation house party over Labor Day at Lake James with Michigan, Ohio, and Indiana represented; the other at Evansville with Kentucky, Illinois and Indiana represented.

The convention voted to redistrict the State and reduced the number of districts to eight.

Many splendid accomplishments were achieved by our 60 clubs having 3,600 members. Community rest rooms established; Red Cross and community chest drives assisted; Lyceum and Chautauqua supported; Credit Loan Unions and Employment Bureaus established; personal interest and financial support given to hospitals, Y. W. C. A., Girl Reserves, Girl Scouts, and Camp Fire Girls; cooperation with Kiwanis, Rotary, and other service clubs. Thirteen new clubs were organized this year.

Mary C. Kennedy conducted the first official Good Will tour taking sixty business women from various states including twelve from Indiana to visit six European countries to study the possibility of an International Federation which was subsequently organized with Miss Phillips as its president.

Closing her report for the year Miss Hersch quoted a verse from Edgar Guest which typifies her zeal and service to the Federation:

"I'd like to think when life is done
That I had filled a needed place,
That here and there I'd paid my fare
With more than idle talk and boast.
That I had given gifts divine,
The breath of life and manhood fine,
And tried to use them now and then
In service for my fellow men."

Officers elected for year 1929-1930

President	Mrs. Bonnie Robertson, Hammond
1st Vice President	Mabel E. Ward, Union City
2nd Vice President	Mrs. Nellie L. Niestadt, Crawfordsville
Recording Secretary	Rose Self, Sullivan
Corresponding Secretary	Mrs. Marvel O. Plasterer, Hammond
Treasurer	Lucy Osborne, Indianapolis

CONVENTION–Indianapolis—1930

Four new clubs were organized during the year: Garrett, Hobart, North Manchester and LaPorte.

Successful conferences were held in the eight districts. Fifty clubs reported scholarship and loan funds, helping 140 girls. The total amount in these funds was $10,118.

The president stressed observance of National Business Women's Week by strong club programs and ample publicity. Each club was asked to establish a fund to defray expenses of a delegate to the biennial convention. (At Mackinac in 1929 it was decided to have national conventions every two years and in the interim year a regional conference).

The date for the payment of dues was changed to July 1, delinquent after September 25, after which a penalty of twenty-five cents per member will be assessed.

A sum of money not to exceed $100.00 was voted for publicity budget.

Madame Schalek, Vienna, Austria, spoke at the International breakfast.

Officers elected for year 1930-1931

President	Mabel E. Ward, Union City
1st Vice President	Mrs. Adah O. Frost, Indianapolis
2nd Vice President	Rose Self, Sullivan
Recording Secretary	Mrs. Berenice Harrison, Angola
Corresponding Secretary	Mrs. Grace Rape, Union City
Treasurer	Lucy Osborne, Indianapolis

CONVENTION—Fort Wayne—1931

In July, 1930, following the National Board meeting in Chicago the North Central Regional Conference was held at Gary, Indiana, with Mrs. Bonnie K. Robertson, Hammond, as Chairman. States in the North Central Region were: North and South Dakota, Minnesota, Iowa, Wisconsin, Illinois, Michigan and Indiana.

In spite of the country-wide depression, the presence of National officers, many state presidents, and out of state members made this first regional conference a huge success.

At the West Baden house party over Labor Day the announcement was made that an International Federation had been formed with nineteen countries represented and Lena Madesin Phillips as the President. At this time the board of directors endorsed the resolution presented by the Indianapolis club to support Mrs. Bonnie K. Robertson for a national office.

The President encouraged clubs to establish scholarship loan funds, and an earnest effort was made to have every club in the state make funds available to club members as well as to high school graduates for advancing their economic status. Reports showed that a total of $12,000.00 had been set up as scholarship funds.

The Federation considered it an honor that Tella Haines, of Sullivan, was elected to the General Assembly. Miss Haines and clubs of the Federation worked in support of a bill passed by Congress March 3rd, 1931, to remove discriminations against women so that hereafter a woman citizen who marries an alien ineligible for citizenship shall not lose her citizenship by reason of such marriage.

The six clubs organized during the year (Plymouth, Columbia City, Fortville, Fairmount, Butler and Albion) made a total of 76 with a state membership of 3,900.

Marion H. McClench, Detroit, National President, gave much help and inspiration to the convention and Mrs. Emily Newell Blair was the banquet speaker.

Officers elected for year 1931-1932

President	Adah O. Frost, Indianapolis
1st Vice President	Nellie Neistadt, Crawfordsville
2nd Vice President	Elma Ivy, Kendallville
Recording Secretary	Gladys Heaton, Clinton
Corresponding Secretary	Marjorie Ford, Indianapolis
Corresponding Secretary	Marjorie Ford, Indianapolis
Treasurer	Elizabeth Lenfesty, Marion

CONVENTION—Evansville—1932

Ninety-six members of the Indiana Federation attended the Richmond convention traveling in special cars arranged by Mary J. Naughton, of Michigan City, Transportation chairman for the National Federation. At this convention Mrs. Bonnie K. Robertson was elected second Vice President of the National Federation. Because of personal reasons Mrs. Robertson found it necessary to resign before the end of her term of office. Indiana won two trophies; one was the National Trophy for publicity, and Union City won the trophy for the most inches of publicity during the current year.

Speakers at the state convention were Mrs. Geline MacDonald Bowman, of Richmond, Virginia, and Miss Lena Madesin Phillips, president of the International Federation.

By-Laws were amended to provide that district directors be made members of the state board, and that a committee on International Relations be added to the standing committees.

It was decided to discontinue the state Scrap Book, which had become a cumbersome volume entailing an excessive amount of work and expense, and that money spent for this purpose be used for the maintenance of state headquarters in Indianapolis, where records and trophies could be stored.

Three clubs were on the National Honor Roll for having retained all their members during the year. They were Fortville, Huntington, and Nappanee. Indiana was the only state having three clubs so signally honored.

Officers elected for year 1932-1933

President	Mrs. Adah O. Frost, Indianapolis
1st Vice President	Mrs. Nellie Niestadt, Crawfordsville
2nd Vice President	Mrs. Ethel Herron, Evansville
Recording Secretary	Loretta Noltner, Gary
Corresponding Secretary	Marjorie Ford, Indianapolis
Treasurer	Elizabeth Lenfesty, Marion

CONVENTION—South Bend—1933

Two-day state council meetings were instituted during the year, the first one being held January 21st and 22nd. Mrs. Bonnie K. Robertson, National Second Vice President, was the speaker at the dinner on Saturday night, and music was furnished by the Shelbyville Club. Sunday afternoon Dr. John Benson, superintendent of the Methodist Hospital, spoke on "The Place of Women in the Modern Business World".

The state meeting was held in July, just prior to the national convention in Chicago, in order that delegates could attend both conventions.

The President presented a trophy to the Federation in the form of a brass emblem on a polished walnut shield to be awarded each year to the club having the largest percent of their club membership at the convention (hostess clubs to be eliminated from competing). The shield was won this year by the Gary club.

Upon a recommendation by the President, the convention voted that in the future the expenses of the State President at all conventions would be paid by the State Federation.

A resolution was adopted providing "that steps be taken to amend the by-laws to establish a uniform fiscal year from May 1st to April 30th, inclusive, for all clubs".

Officers elected for year 1933-1934

President	Elizabeth Lenfesty, Marion
1st Vice President	Mrs. Elizabeth Shriner, South Bend
2nd Vic President	Rosza O. Tonkel, Fort Wayne
Recording Secretary	Viola Hartman, Bedford
Corresponding Secretary	Martha Babb, Marion
Treasurer	Margaret Cheney, Lafayette

CONVENTION—Bloomington—1934

One of the outstanding speeches at Bloomington was the address of welcome by Dr. William Lowe Bryan, President of Indiana University. It voiced the necessity for preparedness which the Federation of Business and Professional Women has always stressed.

The Membership Committee presented the following program: One, to stabilize and strengthen local clubs. Two, to organize new clubs. Three, to develop a closer union and better understanding between local, state, and national organizations of our Federation.

Two new clubs were announced, Hagerstown and Danville, making a total of 70 clubs.

Clubs were urged to follow the national program outlined in "The Independent Woman".

National Business Woman's Week used these subjects effectively:

1. Government Machinery.
2. Our Tax Dollar.
3. Women's Part in the National Crisis.
4. Women in International Affairs.
5. Women Personalities in Washington.

Officers elected for year 1934-1935

President	Elizabeth Lenfesty, Marion
1st Vice President	Mrs. Lottie Kirby, Bloomington
2nd Vice President	Rosza O. Tonkel, Fort Wayne
Recording Secretary	Viola Hartman, Bedford
Corresponding Secretary	Martha Babb, Marion
Treasurer	Margaret Cheney, Lafayette

CONVENTION–Richmond—1935

Miss Lenfesty, president, in her annual report, gave a short history of our Federation and praised the Business and Professional Women for "holding the line" and accepting many hardships in the years of readjustment.

Due to the lack of advertising it was deemed necessary to find other means of financing the Hoosier Business Woman. Each club was asked to give fifteen cents per member for this purpose, and all but two clubs responded.

A resolution of sympathy was sent to the family of Miss Elizabeth Rainey, who died during the year.

Officers elected for year 1935-1936

President	Rosza O. Tonkel, Fort Wayne
1st Vice President	Mrs. Marie F. Thompson, Clinton
2nd Vice President	Ruth Calpha, New Castle
Recording Secretary	Nancy Jane Hogsett, Connersville
Corresponding Secretary	Mrs. Eva Boyer Shook, Fort Wayne
Treasurer	Stelma Werner, Evansville

CONVENTION—Muncie—1936

The theme for the year's work was "Strive to Stabilize Woman's Position".

Every effort was made to coordinate the state program with the National. One of the important steps was to make the state program chairman the head of the district directors in order that the district directors could become emissaries of the National program.

A committee was appointed early in the year to revise the by-laws. This revision was presented at the convention, and an entirely new constitution and by-laws were approved. These by-laws clarified the duties and composition of various boards and committees and provided for the election at Convention of a Nominating Committee for the ensuing year. Membership was 3,573.

Officers elected for year 1936-1937

President	Mrs. Marie F. Thompson, Clinton
1st Vice President	Ruth Calpha, New Castle
2nd Vice President	Mrs. Ethel Hendricks, Muncie
Recording Secretary	Sally Butler, Indianapolis
Corresponding Secretary	Mrs. Esther Nolan, Clinton
Treasurer	Harriett Dickinson, Richmond

CONVENTION—Indianapolis—1937

The idea for program-coordination was continued and expanded by making the program chairman a program coordinator with all of the standing committee chairmen serving as her committee.

This year the financing of state conventions was assumed by the state federation instead of by the hostess club.

The convention voted to pay for the president's secretarial work.

Officers elected for year 1937-1938

President	Genevieve Brown, Indianapolis
1st Vice President	Mrs. Ethel Hendricks, Muncie
2nd Vice President	Jeanette Bunnell, Plymouth
Recording Secretary	Charlotte Voss, Michigan City
Corresponding Secretary	Sally Butler, Indianapolis
Treasurer	Lillian Schmidt, Crown Point

CONVENTION—Terre Haute—1938

Nine district meetings were held during the fall months. Clubs of the state were urged to follow the National theme "Our Town's Business". The convention approved the plan for having the first vice president act as supervisor of the district directors, and that the second vice president be supervisor of committee chairmen. It was decided to establish a sinking fund of $100.00 to be known as "The North West Conference Fund", and a fund of $100.00 was approved for the state treasurer.

Mrs. Lottie Kirby, of Bloomington, introduced an amendment to be presented to the National Board meeting in Grand Rapids, Michigan, in July of 1938 approving a group of high school girls to become a junior club.

The legislative program included support of the Equal Rights Amendment, extension and improvement of the merit system in government, and support of the Child Labor Amendment.

Dr. Lena Madesin Phillips was the speaker at the International Relations breakfast, and Dr. Minnie L. Maffett, of Dallas, Texas, second vice president of the National Federation, was the banquet speaker.

Officers elected for year 1938-1939

President	Agnes Wells, Bloomington
1st Vice President	Sally Butler, Indianapolis
2nd Vice President	Mrs. Agnes Sweeney, Jeffersonville
Recording Secretary	Helen Humphreys, Bloomfield
Corresponding Secretary	Fannie Lee Weatherwax, Bloomington
Treasurer	Martha Babb, Marion

CONVENTION—French Lick—1939

At the North Central Regional conference in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Mrs. Marie F. Thompson was chosen as co-chairman to plan the Regional conference to be held in Wisconsin in 1941. Plans were discussed for rotation of hostess states and for financing the conference by a revolving fund of $200.00 to be used by each hostess state and replaced at the end of a conference. Each state would contribute $25.00.

Dean Agnes E. Wells and Sally Butler represented Indiana at a National board meeting in Grand Rapids, Michigan in July.

Two clubs organized this year brought the total number to 87 with a membership of 4,445.

Loan funds to deserving high school girls were stressed, 39 clubs having funds ranging from $300.00 to $5,000.00. Other clubs made cash gifts up to $150.00 to outstanding senior girls.

District directors under the leadership of Sally Butler, first vice president, had successful meetings in each district.

Officers elected for year 1939-1940

President	Sally Butler, Indianapolis
1st Vice President	Tella Haines, Sullivan
2nd Vice President	Floy Carlson, Lafayette
Recording Secretary	Grace Sale, Evansville
Corresponding Secretary	Alta Pruitt, Indianapolis
Treasurer	Martha Babb, Marion

CONVENTION–Wawasee—1940

At the National convention in 1939, Rosza Tonkel, Fort Wayne, was appointed Publications Chairman of the National Federation.

Louise Bache, secretary, Mrs. Oliva Johnson, of St. Paul, Minnesota, third national vice president of the National Federation, and Lena Madesin Phillips, president of the International were the principal speakers. Alice Appleby, president of the Illinois Federation, was also a speaker.

Rae MacKinnis was appointed editor of the Hoosier Business Woman.

Seven new clubs were organized during the year. Two of these receiving their charters at the convention were Ligonier and Rensselaer.

Anderson received the award for the best and most publicity. Districts in the state were increased from 9 to 11. Auburn received the Adah O. Frost award.

Mrs. Helen Robbins Bitterman discussed the details of the Equal Rights Amendment which reads:

"Men and women shall have equal rights throughout the United States and every place subject to its jurisdiction." The speaker gave reasons why the amendment should be added to the constitution of the United States.

The convention voted to accept the recommendation of the president that the Federation endorse the plan of the National Federation to try to get each major party to put a plank in its platform which states:

"The right to work for compensation shall not be abridged or denied by reason of race, religion, sex, economics, or marital status".

Officers elected for year 1940-1941

President	Sally Butler, Indianapolis
1st Vice President	Dr. Bonnell Souder, Auburn
2nd Vice President	Mary Miller, Mishawaka
Recording Secretary	Bessie Callahan, Terre Haute
Corresponding Secretary	Edna Yenne, Indianapolis
Treasurer	Mrs. Opal Perkins, Muncie

CONVENTION—Indianapolis—1941

Dr. Minnie L. Maffett, of Dallas, Texas, president of the National Federation, and Cecelia Howard, of Chicago, vice president of the National Federation, were speakers at the convention. Other guests included Hazel Myers, president and Margaret Secrist, vice president of the Michigan Federation, who said they came to find out how a convention should be run; and Abbie Ross, of Clinton, Illinois.

The convention approved the addition of a music committee to the state standing committees.

Mrs. Walter Greenough, of Indianapolis, gave an address urging greater use of the merit system.

Officers elected for year 1941-1942

President	Dr. Bonnell Souder, Auburn
1st Vice President	Mrs. Susannah Fonner, Ft. Wayne
2nd Vice President	Ona Mabel Kell, Princeton
Recording Secretary	Mrs. Bessie Callahan, Terre Haute
Corresponding Secretary	Lilah Gilbert, Garrett
Treasurer	Edna Mabek, Gary

CONVENTION—French Lick—1942

Sally Butler was elected recording secretary of the National Federation at convention in Los Angeles, California.

Outstanding accomplishments for the year included:

A memorial for Jennie Rae Hersch in the form of a silver bowl and candlebra to be awarded each year to the club having the highest percentage of membership in attendance at its regular meetings. (Miss Hersch, former state president, died in April 1941).

District directors were to be elected thirty days previous to the state convention instead of after to insure their attendance at convention.

A Legislative Steering Committee was added to the state committees; a Speaker's Bureau established; a Victory committee for Defense work, war savings, bonds, etc., was appointed. (World War II declared December 7, 1941, after attack on Pearl Harbor). A campaign was started for raising state dues.

Mrs. Nettie Sims, International Relations chairman, spoke at the winter council meeting. Other speakers were Margaret Hickey, Mary Sue Wigley, Toni Senders, German refugee, Sara Buchanan, Legal Research Department, Washington, D. C., and Dr. George W. Starr, Indiana University.

A recommendation was sent to the National Federation that a woman be at the Peace Conference.

Officers elected for year 1942-1943

President	Mrs. Susannah C. Fonner, Fort Wayne
1st Vice President	Ona Mabel Kell, Princeton
2nd Vice President	Ruth Hoover, Indianapolis
Recording Secretary	Margaret Cooper, Linton
Corresponding Secretary	Esther Whitacre, Fort Wayne
Treasurer	Mrs. Betty Chambers, Muncie

CONFERENCE—South Bend—1943

The term "convention" was changed to "conference" to conform to war-time regulations.

Mrs. Nettie Sims attended as National representative, and Mrs. Olivia Johnson was the banquet speaker.

As the treasury was depleted, dues were raised from 50 cents to $1.00. The sum of twenty-five dollars was allocated to each district for its expenses. In addition, the mileage of each committee chairman attending state meetings was to be paid by the State Federation.

The duties of the District Directors were clearly defined and published in a work book distributed to each Director.

Two clubs were organized this year bringing to total to 88 clubs with a membership of 4,572.

Officers elected for year 1943-1944

President	Mrs. Susannah C. Fonner, Fort Wayne
1st Vice President	Ona Mabel Kell, Princeton
2nd Vice President	Ruth Hoover, Indianapolis
Recording Secretary	Margaret Cooper, Linton
Corresponding Secretary	Esther Whitacre, Fort Wayne
Treasurer	Mrs. Betty Chambers, Muncie

CONFERENCE—Indianapolis—1944

Ceclia Howard attended as National representative, and Dr. Lena Madesin Phillips was speaker at the International breakfast.

The Constitution and By-Laws were entirely re-written, and the Convention approved the new regulations.

Our contribution to the war effort was the selling of $4,719,176 of war bonds which purchased 43 ambulance planes.

Officers elected for year 1944-1945

President	Ruth Hoover, Indianapolis
1st Vice President	Mary Alice Buswell, South Bend
2nd Vice President	Grace Schoenbaechler, Evansville
Recording Secretary	Mrs. Caroline Cleveland, Anderson
Corresponding Secretary	Rae McKinnis, Indianapolis
Treasurer	Mrs. Goldie Lowe Davis, Columbus

“Early in July a large delegation, including most of the State officers, attended the Silver Anniversary Convention of the National Federation in

New York City. At this outstanding convention, Sally Butler, of Indiana was elected first Vice-President of the National Federation.

"Despite the many restrictions imposed upon us by the war, the officers were able to hold all district meetings during the fall. However, in January 1945, the Office of Defense Transportation of the U. S. Government issued the ruling that no convention could be held where more than fifty delegates would be in attendance. We immediately cancelled all plans for our annual State Convention and the Board seriously considered the possibility of holding a convention-by-mail. Because of our large membership this was finally deemed highly impractical. Making use of the emergency war powers which had been granted to it at the previous Council meeting, the State Board moved that all officers remain frozen in office until such time as a regular State Convention could be held, and as a result, all officers served for two years instead of the usual one-year term.

"The National Federation Board meeting, which was scheduled to be held at Mackinac Island in July, 1945, had to be cancelled due to continued transportation restrictions. To take the place of this, regional Board meetings were held in various sections of the country the following fall and the State President, the two Vice-Presidents and Corresponding Secretary attended the meeting held in St. Paul, Minnesota, in November.

"A complete history of the war work done by our State Federation members was filed with the History Commission of Indiana University, and this record was one of which all may be very proud."

CONVENTION—Terre Haute—1946

The Federation grew in membership and stability in spite of the fact that our state and national meetings were curtailed due to World War II. The membership was 5,931 with each club having a membership in the International Federation.

The state convention voted to appoint an assistant treasurer for the year 1946 and amended the by-laws so that this office will be added to our regular group of elected officers for 1947, and thereafter.

A radio committee was added to the list of standing committees.

The convention voted to accept the following resolutions presented by the resolutions committee: "We reaffirm our belief in and our support of the Equal Rights amendment and we urge the continued effort of the National Federation and the Indiana clubs and members toward its passage", and "We reaffirm our support of the principle of equal pay for equal work, and we resolve that the Indiana Federation of Business and Professional Women initiate such a bill in the General Assembly."

The handbooks were to be brought up to date as they have been very useful to the district and club officers.

Rochelle Rodd Gachet, the national education chairman, was the National representative at the state convention. Bess Bloodworth, of New York City, was the banquet speaker.

At the International breakfast, Mrs. Nettie Sims in her talk, "Under the Whip", told of life in the Andes.

It is interesting to note that in these closing days of the administration of Miss Tella C. Haines, as president, Indiana clubs are looking forward to the return of Mrs. Simms, whose itinerary called for talks in ten of the larger cities in the state.

Miss Sally Butler, of Indianapolis, was elected president of the National Federation at the Cleveland convention in July and at the September council meeting she described her trip to the meeting of the International Federation late in the summer. As a result of her appeal for the support of Belgian orphans, 447 of these children have been adopted by members of Indiana clubs.

At the January meeting, Miss Mildred Burgess, of New York, representative of the National Federation at the United Nations sessions was the principal speaker. She described the work of the General Assembly, made up of fifty-five nations, the secretariat and other subdivisions that play an important part in helping to bring about peace.

It was announced that there are now 92 clubs affiliated with the state, national and International Federations with a total membership of 6,040.

For the first time in its history Sullivan county has a woman county attorney in the person of State Federation President, Tella C. Haines. It is an interesting coincidence that it was the Sullivan County Bar Association that in 1894 refused to admit Antoinette Leach, an attorney of Sullivan, to the practice of law in the county because she was a woman. She carried her case to the Supreme Court of Indiana where it was decided that a woman should not be barred from the practice of law because of her sex.

Part II

The Indiana Federation of Business and Professional Women

A HISTORY

1948—1968

Preface To Second Edition

The second edition of the History of the Indiana Federation was conceived in the mind of Tella Haines who had hoped for many years that for the fiftieth anniversary such a history could be prepared to commemorate the occasion. As the date, 1968, approached, forward looking state president, Ruth Shanks, serving during 1965-1966, took steps to make this possible. A chairman and co-chairman were appointed to draw up plans for securing the historical facts. A plan of work was prepared and presented to the State Board for its consideration. A questionnaire was authorized which was sent to each club president in order to secure needed information.

Clubs responded and the data submitted has been put into form by the co-chairmen. Grateful appreciation is expressed to all those who replied promptly and to those who sent additional information when it was requested. For each club the material which appears is in essence a short history of that particular club, and contains the facts submitted.

The first edition of the Federation History contains the accomplishments during the year each state president served, up to and including 1947. All the material available including minutes of State Conventions, the copies of the Hoosier Business Woman, newspaper articles, and clippings have been read with care and information recorded for the Federation years from 1947 through 1968. Each past state president has read and, when necessary, corrected the copy written for the years she served.

Grateful acknowledgement is given Janie Weaver, who served as state president in 1958-1959, for the beautifully expressed Foreword and the In Memoriam; to Flossie Becknell, state president, 1966-1967, and Alice Stratton, state president, 1967-1968, for continuation of the project and for the help, assistance, and encouragement given when problems and questions arose requiring action by the State Board.

May we repeat what Marie Thompson, Chairman of the first edition, said when it was presented to the Convention in 1946, "In ten years you (the State Federation) will want to do the history all over again." Although much more time has elapsed between that writing and this, it is hoped that when the history is written again this part will be worthy of inclusion.

Tella Haines, Chairman
Lettie Trefz, Co-Chairman

Foreword to the

SECOND EDITION OF THE INDIANA FEDERATION'S STATE HISTORY

Our yesterdays have become our todays. Our todays will fashion our tomorrows—and who can calculate their proportionate importance?

The life-history of an organization is a chronicle of a continual building, a transition, and a progress from one level of achievement and purpose to the next. Progress varies, but success means an upward reach. The many-storied splendour of a great skyscraper reaching toward the stars in its soaring beauty must grow from the foundation of solid rock reinforced with steel set deep into the earth at the birth of the edifice. Just so valuable and so unchanging are the foundation principles of the Business and Professional Women's Clubs. We have builded year by year upon the achievements and the dreams of our founders. Fresh problems, changing plans, and emerging dreams necessitate constant vigilance to meet the needs of our variant society. But the basic principles, the four objectives upon which our organization was founded, constitute a noble criterion of the values which we treasure.

Let us read this history with pride and gratitude for our past. It will provide inspiration for our future in a world where more thousands of working women meet new challenges each day. We need a full measure of the dedication and resolution which our forebears possessed to make a better world for the women of today and tomorrow.

This is the fiftieth anniversary of the Indiana Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc. Our historian, Tella Haines, has long cherished a dream that we might publish this volume on our fiftieth anniversary. It is a tribute to this loyal founder as well as to our other well-loved leaders of the past fifty years, that this history has come into being.

With pride in the accomplishments of the last half-century, with confidence and faith in the working women of tomorrow, we of the Indiana Federation present this historical record.

Janie Weaver
Past State President

In Memoriam

Time and years take their toll. And with saddened hearts we note that twelve of our past state presidents have passed beyond our earthly recognition. But these wonderful leaders of ours live on in our loving memories and in the chronicles of this history. The contributions which they made to our Federation have become a very real part of our whole organization. They gave of their enthusiasms, their devotion, and their dreams to make the Federation a living and vital experience for each of us.

With grateful hearts we pay tribute to them. Their vision and their achievements will live always in the history of the Federation. They served:

1913-1919—Miss Nell Allemong
1923-1924—Mrs. E. C. Bailey
1924-1925—Miss Gertrude Barrett
1925-1926—Mrs. Helen Shaw Krutz
1928-1929—Miss Jennie Rae Hersch
1930-1931—Miss Mabel E. Ward
1931-1933—Mrs. Adah O. Frost
1933-1935—Miss Elizabeth Lenfesty
1938-1939—Miss Agnes E. Wells
1951-1953—Miss Ruth L. Lewman
1954-1956—Miss Mary G. Cowger
1956-1957—Mrs. Helen Kelly

In Appreciation

Loyal service deserves commendation to those who serve or have served the State Federation in these capacities:

Business Secretary and later *Executive Secretary,* Mrs. Edith Scales, Crown Point	1950-1958
Executive Secretary, Mrs. Marie Carlton, Franklin	1958-1967
Executive Secretary, Mrs. Donnis Tracy, Brown County	1967-

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Molly English, Portland	1926-1927
Ellen Cackron Curtis, Monticello and Greenwood	1927-1933
Nora Ball Ragsdale, Terre Haute	1933-1934
Jewel Standerford, Muncie	1934-1938
Hope Thomas, Indianapolis	1938-1939
Rae McKinnis, Indianapolis	1939-1942
Lura Bond, Anderson	1942-1943
Marney Knox Gressom, Bloomfield	1943-1946
Helen Gruggs Phillips, Linton	1946-1947
Margaret Cooper, Linton	1947-

1946-1947

State Officers:

President, Tella C. Haines, Sullivan
1st Vice-President, Grace Schoenbaechler, Evansville
2nd Vice-President, LaVonne DeVore, Shelbyville
Recording Secretary, Jean Noreen, Lafayette
Corresponding Secretary, Betty J. Sinclair, Sullivan
Treasurer, Dorothy Cline, Goshen
Assistant Treasurer, Catherine Grise, Goshen
Member-at-Large, Opal Brinson, Muncie
Parliamentarian, Isabelle Jones, Gary

THEME: *"Jobs, Justice, Peace."* The Indiana Federation stood second in membership in the National Federation with 6,935 members. The Indiana History (see first half of this book) was completed and placed on sale for the sum of seventy-five cents at the State Convention. Marie Ferguson Thompson, chairman, was assisted by Ida Anderson, Adah O. Frost, Mabel Ward, and Marian Ingham, all past state presidents. In the report Marie Thompson said, "In ten years you will probably take this history and do it all over." (However, it has lasted, and instead of being done over it has been brought up to the present date.)

Four hundred forty-five European orphans were adopted through the generosity of members and clubs all over the state. The Lawrence, Cumberland, Vevay, Winamac, Rising Sun, New Albany, and Charlestown Clubs were added to the Federation.

Sally Butler was elected National President at the Biennial Convention in Cleveland. The Gary Club presented a beautiful award to the state which they named the "Sally Butler Radio Award." The award is given on the basis of content of material, membership participation, fields of club work covered, interest stimulated in these fields, and contributions to the life of the club in the community.

TWENTY-NINTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

French Lick Springs Hotel, May 24, 1947

Miss Margaret Hyndman, President of the Canadian Federation attended. Stella Barker, Chairman of the North Central Region and Sally Butler sent greetings. The National Representative was Dr. Irma Gene Nevins, National Director of Accident Prevention of the American Red Cross, and National Health and Safety Chairman.

Attention was called to the new Indiana History which was for sale. Messages were sent to the House and Senate, and an all out effort was planned to secure passage of the Equal Rights Amendment at this session of Congress. This was to be the first in club activities for the year. A tremendous effort was planned also to secure passage of the Equal Pay for Equal Work Bill. Women were urged to take a more active part in all public affairs of their community, state, and nation, and to place as many of the clubs' members as were qualified in public offices. A proposal was made to study district outlines in order to revise boundaries in 1948.

Dr. Nevins spoke on the subject, "Are Good Values Too Costly?" at the luncheon. Shelbyville received the Adah O. Frost Award; Anderson, the Sally Butler Award.

1947-1948

State Officers:

President, Grace Schoenbaechler, Evansville
1st Vice-President, LaVonne DeVore, Shelbyville
2nd Vice-President, Opal Brinson, Muncie
Recording Secretary, Jean Noreen, Lafayette
Corresponding Secretary, Marie Adams, Evansville
Treasurer, Dorothy Cline, Goshen
Assistant Treasurer, Catherine Grise, Goshen
Member-at-Large, Betty Foster, Indianapolis
Parliamentarian, Isabelle Jones, Gary

THEME FOR YEAR: *"We Face the Future."* Thirteen clubs were added through the efforts of Fern Barrett, Membership Chairman: Cannelton, Chesterton-Porter, Corydon, Jasper, Knox, LaGrange, Lawrenceburg, Milan, Millersburg, Muncie Career Women, North Vernon, Oakland City, and Salem. The records show a total membership of 8,210 in 113 clubs for the year. Grace Schoenbaechler, LaVonne DeVore and Opal Brinson were delegates to the Regional Conference in Des Moines. Two other officers and twenty members attended. Two Council meetings were held. Sally Butler spoke at the one in September and Bea Patterson was the speaker for the mid-winter meeting.

The president attended the New York Herald Tribune Forum in New York City. The National Board Meeting was held in French Lick in 1947 with Tella Haines as Chairman under the direction of Sally Butler. Betty Foster was chairman of the Sally Butler Speedway Luncheon in Fort Worth. One hundred twenty pairs of nylon hose were sent with Sally Butler to distribute as gifts at the Paris Conference in July. $322.51 was contributed by clubs and members for the Crusade for Children of American Overseas Aid. Save the Shades was a state project, members contributing $1,409.74.

THIRTIETH ANNUAL CONVENTION

French Lick Springs Hotel, May 28, 29, 30, 1948

Greetings were given by Sally Butler, National and International President. Pauline Mandigo, News Service and Radio Director, served as National Representative. "Heroines on Parade," showing the progress of women, was given under the direction of Sherrod Stuckey of Indianapolis. Action was taken to work actively on passage of the Equal Rights Amendment. Equal pay for equal work was changed to equal pay for comparable work in framing legislation to present to the State Legislature. Standardized traffic signals were recommended not only for Indiana but as a project for national. The proposal was made that Indiana recommend to National that 10¢ international dues be included in the state and national dues. The Convention went on record approving the resolution made at the Genocide Convention outlawing the destruction of racial, religious and national groups as an international crime. The buy a Bond-a-Month plan was encouraged. A resolution was passed to endorse qualified women for office and then to support them. The committee on district revision reported and it was sent to the Executive Committee for final decision. The president recommended that a Workers' Conference for state officers, district directors, and state committee chairman be held shortly after the organization meeting of the Executive committee for the purpose of outlining a program, instructing state leaders as to their duties and that the services of a national representative be secured as instructor.

Miss Mandigo spoke on "The World We Live In." She said that we are not a self-interest group. We are out to do the greatest good for the greatest numbers. We must cultivate tolerant spirits and at the same time be alert to forces of corruption so that we may help overcome them.

Dr. Marie Leonard, recently resigned as Dean of Women of the University of Illinois, spoke on "Women Today—Whence—Whereas—Whither," bringing out forcibly that we have the responsibility of building a better world. Ruth Hoover as Promotion Chairman for the Fort Worth Convention outlined plans for promoting Sally and Indiana's hospitality at Fort Worth.

Sally Butler spoke to the Convention about her trip abroad, what she saw and heard, and how it came to pass that she was elected International President. A tribute was given Sally by Esther Kem Thomas and the state presented a cash gift. The Jennie Rae Hersch Award was presented to Cumberland; the Adah O. Frost Award to Paoli; and the Sally Butler Trophy to Anderson.

1948-1949

State Officers:

President, LaVonne DeVore, Shelbyville
1st Vice-President, Bessie Thornton, South Bend
2nd Vice-President, Lura Bond, Anderson
Recording Secretary, Carol Dawson, Auburn
Corresponding Secretary, Gladys Stulb, Shelbyville
Treasurer, Edith Hitchcock, Bedford
Assistant Treasurer, Bertha Edwards, Bedford
Member-at-Large, Fern Barrett, Fortville
Parliamentarian, Maxine Biebesheimer, Fort Wayne

THEME FOR YEAR: *"Opportunities for Careers for Women."* The officers installed this year had the unique experience of being installed by a National and International President, Sally Butler. At the Fort Worth Convention Indiana glowed in the reflected glory of Sally and an unforgettable birthday celebration was staged by the Indiana Federation. This administration saw the last of the Fall District Meetings. A Leadership Conference was conducted by Beatrice Patterson on July 31 and August 1 for officers, committee chairmen, and district directors. At the Council Luncheon held in September, Helen Irwin, National Third Vice-President, spoke on "The Must for Every Employed Woman." At the winter board meeting, Stella Barker, Director of the North Central Region, and Olive Huston, National Executive Secretary, attended and spoke briefly. Plans were made for Indiana's participation in the North Central Regional Conference. Indiana was asked to be responsible for the Friday evening program and the Saturday night banquet. An Indiana badge using the Riley theme, "The Frost Is on the Pumpkin," was accepted. A Hoosier Hospitality Fund was established.

At the Winter Council Meeting, held January 16, 1949, both Sally Butler and Stella Barker attended. Olive Huston spoke on the subject, "You Are the Federation." Since Sally would be presiding at the International Board Meeting in Helsinki, Finland when Indiana's State Convention would be meeting, a coffee party for Sally to give there was sponsored. During the year Bessie Thornton prepared handbooks and guides for the district directors and initiated a school of instruction. The president was privileged to attend the New York Herald-Tribune Forum. Three new clubs were chartered: Brown County, Cedar Lake, and East Chicago, making a total of 116 clubs in the state. Membership stood at 8,610.

THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL CONVENTION

French Lick Springs Hotel, May 14, 15, 1949

An intensive campaign was initiated for placing qualified women in policy-making posts in the state and in their various political communities. The stand on the Equal Rights Amendment was reaffirmed. A cablegram was sent to Sally Butler and the board in Helsinki, Finland. A Small Business Clinic project was recommended for sponsorship by clubs. The proposal was made that a mimeographed guide be prepared and distributed under the direction of the state president each year.

Mrs. Lillian Majally, Associate Director of Field Service in the National Federation, described the mechanics of preparing a program for the year and a discussion was held on how it should be used in the clubs. She spoke again in the evening on the history of the Federation and the necessity for moving forward. On Sunday morning, Mrs. Julia Bock Harwood Miller of Decatur Illinois, wearing a sari from India, spoke on "Peoples Around the World." Models demonstrated costumes of various countries she had visited. The Adah O. Frost Award was received by Jasper; the Jennie Rae Hersch Award by Cumberland; the Sally Butler Award, Indianapolis.

1949-1950

State Officers:

President, Bessie Thornton, South Bend
1st Vice-President, Lura Bond, Anderson

2nd Vice-President, Ruth Lewman, Indianapolis
Recording Secretary, Carol Dawson, Auburn
Corresponding Secretary, Irene Hiss, South Bend
Treasurer, Helen Beck, Lebanon
Member-at-Large, Isabelle Jones, Gary
Parliamentarian, Susannah Fonner, Fort Wayne

THEME: *"Twentieth Century Unlimited."* The Indiana Guide was compiled and the first issue went out in 1949. The booklet, "Welcome to New Members," was completed. A school of instruction was planned for district directors and treasurers to be held at State Convention. At the Leadership Conference plans were finalized for the North Central Regional Conference to be held in Indianapolis, September 23, 24, 25, 1949. Delegates were named: Bessie Thornton, Lura Bond, Ruth Lewman, Carol Dawson, and Helen Beck. Highlights of this program consisted of a panel discussion, "Understanding: Stepping Stone to Future Performance," by three outstanding business executives in the United States. Dr. Frances Scott, National President and Sally Butler, International President spoke during the sessions. Isabelle Jones, Gary, was elected corresponding secretary of the newly organized East Central Region, consisting of Indiana, Ohio, Michigan, Kentucky, and West Virginia. An organizational meeting was held in Cincinnati in February.

The 1949-50 Board felt that the growth of the Federation required the services of a business secretary, and the state president in her visits to clubs informed members of this necessity. Consequently, budget items were included to pay $600 a year for this part time work, and for the purchase of office equipment.

The president attended a national planning meeting in Chicago in January, the National Board Meeting in Jacksonville, Florida, and the Herald-Tribune Forum in New York during her term of office. A theme song was chosen for Indiana for the Biennial in California, "Back Home Again in Indiana." Seven new clubs were added: Anderson-Mary Stewart, Carmel, Fort Branch, Monon, Petersburg, Thorntown, and Veedersburg, making a total of 125 clubs in the Federation and a membership of 8,818 members.

THIRTY-SECOND ANNUAL CONVENTION

Indianapolis, Indiana, May 5, 6, 7, 1950

THEME OF CONVENTION: *"Together and Forward at the Half Century."* Beatrice Patterson, National Field Worker of the National Federation, acted as

Representatives; Melanie Menderson, National Parliamentarian, addressed the group on "Know How." Changes in Federation mechanics proposed by the president were adopted with some revision: Employment of a part-time business secretary for the State Federation; each committee chairman to function alone with all local club chairmen forming the committee; the fall district meetings held in each district discontinued and replaced with sectional program meetings held in four different parts of the state; a Fall Council to be held; and the organization of each district to have, in addition to a director, a secretary-treasurer.

By-laws were revised to provide for these recommentations. The duties of the Fall Council were outlined. Edith Scales, Crown Point, was named Business Secretary at a salary of $600.00 for the year. A telegram was sent to Congressman Winfield Denton urging him to bring the Equal Rights Amendment out of the Sub-Committee without any rider and that it be taken to the Judiciary Committee of the House. Each club in each district was instructed to wire its Representative. A file of the names of capable women available for appointive posts was to be sent to the Governor's office as well as to the National Office of the Federation and made available to women and men of both parties who would be filling policy making posts. Ruth Lewman was authorized to extend greetings from the Indiana Federation to the International Congress meeting in July 1950 in England.

The Adah O. Frost Award was won by Lawrence; the Jennie Rae Hersch Award went to Rising Sun; and the Sally Butler Trophy to Indianapolis. Members attending the banquet were addressed by Ernesta Drinker Barlow, who spoke on the subject, "High Noon in Your Life." Lisa Sergio, spoke at the International Breakfast on "American Leadership at the Cross Roads," stating that women must inject their sense of values in a world where destruction seems to be imminent. Beatrice Patterson, National Representative, installed the new officers for 1950-1951.

1950-1951

State Officers:

President, Bessie Thornton, South Bend
1st Vice-President, Ruth Lewman, Indianapolis
2nd Vice-President, Grace Thompson, Oakland City
Recording Secretary, Martha Beckenholdt, Greenfield
Corresponding Secretary, Irene Hiss, South Bend

Treasurer, Helen Beck, Lebanon
Assistant Treasurer, Nora West, Lebanon
Member-at-Large, Isabelle Jones, Gary
Parliamentarian, Grace Schoenbaechler, Evansville

THEME: *"Together and Forward at the Half Century."* State committee reports followed the recommendations adopted at State Convention and were accepted at the Board Meeting on June 3, 4, 1950. Four sectional program meetings were held. Fall Council on November 12 was held at the Claypool Hotel in Indianapolis. Ruth Lewman spoke on the International Congress held in England in July, and Grace Thompson reported on Biennial Convention held in San Francisco. Edith Scales began her work as State Business Secretary. This was Sally Butler's last year as International President, and the state wishing to honor her, presented her a check for $100.00. Evelyn Sommers, Education and Vocations Chairman, was selected to attend the Council of Guidance and Personnel Associations Convention held in Chicago in March. Virginia Rowland, Portland, was appointed to the National Conservation Committee, and Mary Cowger to the National Pension Fund Committee by Judge Sarah T. Hughes, National President. Bessie Thornton attended the National Convention in San Francisco; also the Herald-Tribune Forum in New York City.

THIRTY-THIRD ANNUAL CONVENTION

Claypool Hotel, Indianapolis, May 5-6, 1951

CONVENTION THEME: *"Full Partnership for the Job Ahead."* Schools of instruction for treasurers, district directors, and parliamentarians were held. Julia Cole Fauber, National Director of Program Coordination conducted workshops on program coordination. A by-law change required the parliamentarian to review and approve all club by-laws before sending them to the state president. A committee was appointed to submit plans for a state fellowship or scholarship to promote international understanding. The recipient is to be an overseas adult woman who is a leader in her community. Members were urged to encourage qualified women to seek office and give these women support. Working for laws against discriminatory practices was continued. The Federation became the sponsoring agent for memorial gifts to the Indiana Heart Foundation Memorial Fund. A by-law change required candidates to be approved by the club to which the member belongs. Six new clubs were added: Aurora, Bedford-Young Career Women, Clarksville, Gas City, Morristown, and Sellersburg. A membership of 9,110 was reported for a total of 130 clubs.

Judge Sarah T. Hughes, president of the National Federation, spoke at the banquet on the subject, "Full Partnership in the Job Ahead." At the international breakfast on Sunday morning, James A. Eldridge, Field Director of the American Association for the United Nations, spoke on "It's Your United Nations." Morristown received the Adah O. Frost Award; Dunkirk the Jennie Rae Hersch Award, Michigan City the Sally Butler Trophy. New officers were installed by Sally Butler, International President.

1951-1952

State Officers:

State President, Ruth Lewman, Indianapolis
1st Vice-President, Helen Beck, Lebanon
2nd Vice-President, Olga Lavengood, Wabash
Recording Secretary, Martha Beckenholdt, Greenfield
Corresponding Secretary, Mary Cowger, Indianapolis
Treasurer, Helen Johnson, Auburn
Assistant Treasurer, Helen Clarke, Auburn
Member-at-Large, Frances Hagen,
Parliamentarian, LaVonne DeVore, Shelbyville

THEME: *"Full Partnership in the Job Ahead."* Beatrice Patterson, Director of Field Services conducted workshops at the Leadership Conference, June 14-15, in Indianapolis. The president attended an inspirational National Board Meeting, July 7-11, in New York City. Bessie Thornton was elected Regional Treasurer and Ruth Lewman was made a member of the Regional Nominating Committee at the East Central Meeting on Mackinac Island. Sectional meetings drew 793 members. At the Fall Council Meeting held in Indianapolis, Esther Hymer, Director of International Relations and Observer at the United Nations, spoke at the luncheon which followed a morning of workshops. Gifts were received during the year for the Memorial Heart Fund and were accepted with grateful appreciation by the Indiana Heart Foundation.

The two observers from Indiana at the International Board Meeting in New York were Ruth Lewman and Bessie Thornton. The Federation invited two members attending International to attend the Biennial Council in Boston: Bergliot Lee of Norway and Gladys Terry of South Africa. During the following winter Bergliot Lee came to Indiana and many clubs were privileged to hear her speak. In accordance with a recommendation adopted at State Convention, a committee was appointed to submit plans for a state education project, such as a state fellowship or scholarship, especially one which would promote international understanding, considering particularly an adult woman from overseas and a leader in the community rather than a younger student. The report of this committee was made at Fall Council and it was recommended that the Federation sponsor a scholarship through UNESCO, at an amount from $2,000 to $3,000. New clubs added were Knightstown, Muncie Career and Elizabeth Rainey of Indianapolis. The Gas City Club was dropped. Membership stood at 9,118 in 152 clubs.

THIRTY-FOURTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

French Lick Springs Hotel, May 17-18, 1952

THEME: "*United in a Crisis.*" Ella V. Ross, National Chairman of Education and Vocations conducted workshops on program coordination. The recommendation concerning a UNESCO Scholarship was supported and discussion was held on raising the funds. Announcements were made regarding the Regional Conference to be held at White Sulphur Springs and the International Congress in Stockholm. Recommendations by National on the Equal Rights Amendment and jury service for women were approved. The text of the Equal Rights Amendment was repeated, "Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or in any State on account of sex." National legislation bills on Equal Pay for Equal Work and removing discriminations on the basis of age, sex, or marital status were approved.

Virginia Rowland was in charge of the Emblem Ceremony, using an emblem owned by the Muncie Club which was hand carved by Elizabeth Hyde of the Hartford City Club. Helping were members of the Muncie Club: Mary Sablon, Thelma Gillespie, Blanche Johnson, Martha Higgins, and Helen Cheeseman. "The Key to Fuller Living" was given by LaVonne DeVore, assisted by Mrs. Louis Huffman, president of the Shelbyville Club. Symbols were used on a flannel board to tell the history of the Federation. William Hessler, Foreign News Analyst of the Cincinnati Enquirer, spoke at the banquet on "America's Struggle for Peace." At the International Breakfast, Hope Bedford Nevitt of Indianapolis spoke on, "This I Believe." Presented to the Elizabeth Rainey Club of Indianapolis was the Adah O. Frost Award; to Dunkirk, the Jennie Rae Hersch Award; and to Muncie Career Women, the Sally Butler Trophy. New officers were installed by Ella V. Ross, National Representative.

1952-1953

State Officers:

President, Ruth Lewman, Indianapolis
1st Vice-President, Helen Beck, Lebanon
2nd Vice-President, Olga Lavengood, Wabash
Recording Secretary, Ruth Shanks, Plymouth
Corresponding Secretary, Mary Cowger, Indianapolis
Treasurer, Helen Johnson, Auburn
Assistant Treasurer, Helen Clarke, Auburn
Member-at-Large, Ethel Stute, Milan
Parliamentarian, Helen Ross, Rushville

THEME: *"The Ramparts We Build."* Beatrice Patterson, Field Worker of the National Federation, conducted the June 1952 Workshop for club presidents. Eleven members of the State Executive Committee attended the National Convention in Boston. Traveling expenses of one foreign guest from New York to the Convention in Boston were paid and the hotel expenses for two foreign guests. Four Sectional Workshops were conducted in the early fall by District Directors. The Fall Council was held in Indianapolis, November 16, 1952. At this time Bessie Thornton was serving as Vice-Chairman of the East Central Region.

The UNESCO Fellowship Fund received $2,576.40 during the year. Reka Matthews of Franklin had been given authority to raise funds and choose the woman who would study under the UNESCO grant. A decision was made to invite the East Central Region to hold its conference in French Lick in 1955. The club chartered in the Federation was Indianapolis-Contemporary Careers. Fort Branch and Madison—Young Women's Clubs were dropped. The Federation at this time was composed of 132 clubs; a membership of 8,765.

THIRTY-FIFTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

French Lick Springs Hotel, May 23-24, 1953

THEME: *"The Ramparts We Build."* Marguerite Rawalt, National First Vice-President, was the National Representative, and also acted as Parliamentarian in the absence of Melanie Menderson. A letter was read from Bergliot Lee of Norway who had talked before at least fifty of the Indiana clubs during the previous year. Also, one from Mrs. Terry, the representative from South Africa who was sponsored by our Federation at the annual convention in Boston. The National Legislative Platform adopted last year was reaffirmed. Telegrams of commendation were sent to Katharine St. George, Congresswoman of New York, and the Indiana members of the Congress urging passage of the Equal Rights Amendment during this session of Congress. Women were asked to take increased responsibility for acquainting the public with facts relating to the U. N., and to educating the public in favor of equal pay for comparable work to the end that public opinion would be favorable when such a bill is introduced in the Indiana General Assembly. The Federation was asked to back the introduction of a bill providing equal pay for comparable work. A state committee was established to evolve a State Legislative Platform to be presented to the annual convention. The Education and Vocations Committee was mandated to make a survey of alleged discriminations against older women.

The office of assistant treasurer was eliminated and the duties of the Business Secretary were outlined and incorporated in the by-laws. Announcement was made of the East Central Regional to be held at the Greenbrier in White Sulphur Springs August 13-16, and the International Convention in Sweden. Ten from Indiana including Ruth Lewman were attending the International. The president informed the members that $423.00 was needed yet for the UNESCO Fellowship Fund and related the process for securing a recipient.

A Leadership Technique Workshop was directed by Helen Beck at which Marguerite Rawalt and the District Directors led discussions and answered questions pertaining to the work of the Federation. The Adah O. Frost Award was received by Vincennes; the Jennie Rae Hersch Award by Logansport, and the Sally Butler Trophy by Muncie-Career Women.

At the Banquet, Dr. John Furbay spoke on the subject, "Global Minds for a Global World." At the International Breakfast, Hope Bedford Nevitt of Indianapolis told about the Indianapolis Citizens' Committee for the United Nations that raised the money for a high school student from each high school in Indianapolis to attend the U. N. for three days. She stated that, "Helping build the lives of young people is about all one can ask of heaven." A panel was introduced: Alyce Silver, Shortridge High School; Marcia Shick, Howe High School; Joan Crow, Manual Training High School; and Marilyn Anderson, Warren Central High School, who told of their trip to the United Nations.

Marguerite Rawalt, National Vice-President, installed the new officers. The Indianapolis Octet ended the Convention with the singing of "Peace I Leave With You."

1953-1954

State Officers:

President, Helen Beck, Lebanon
1st Vice-President, Mary Cowger, Indianapolis
2nd Vice-President, Helen Johnson, Auburn
Recording Secretary, Ruth Shanks, Plymouth
Corresponding Secretary, Margaret Wainwright, Lebanon
Treasurer, Hazel Weir, Vincennes
Assistant Treasurer, Louise Morgan, Vincennes
Member-at-Large, Irene Hiss, South Bend
Parliamentarian, Isabelle Jones, Gary

THEME: *"The Ramparts We Build"*. At the National Board Meeting held in New York and attended by the state president, Helen Irwin charted the future for women in politics, stating that women are in politics to stay and that they have a contribution to make. Sectional meetings were held in Bloomington, Elkhart, Lafayette, and Franklin. A workshop was held at each committee level. At the Fall Council, November 15, Membership was the theme. Stella Barker, National Membership Chairman, spoke on "To Have and to Hold." Ruth Lewman reported on the International Congress held in Stockholm. The National project, "Operation Buttonhole," resulted in a splendid united effort to secure passage of the Equal Rights Amendment.

Attending the New York Herald-Tribune Forum were the president, Helen Beck, Edith Scales, Dr. Bonnell Souder, and Sally Butler. The Forum was a short course in national and world affairs. The Board decided to supply the additional $200.00 to make the necessary $3,000 for the UNESCO

Scholarship. The sum was placed on deposit with UNESCO in Paris. A plan for redistricting was submitted and accepted by the State Board to be put into effect after the State Convention in 1954. A committee consisting of one person from each district and one chairman from each club in each district was approved to assist the state chairman of Women in Policy Making Posts in surveying the state to find women qualified for such posts. Three new clubs were added: Albany, Batesville, Ellettsville, and the Bedford Young Women's Club was dropped. Membership reached 9,002.

THIRTY-SIXTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

Claypool Hotel, Indianapolis, May 22, 23, 1954

The Honorable George N. Craig, Governor of Indiana, gave the welcoming address. The National Convention to be held in St. Louis was promoted by Bessie Thornton, contact chairman. Members were asked to write to Speaker Joe Martin, Majority House Leader, Charles A. Halleck, and Leslie C. Arends, the three who could bring about action in the Policy Committee for the Equal Rights Amendment. Senate cooperation had been secured on Equal Pay for Comparable Work, and this item was approved for further work by the National Legislative Committee. The State Legislative Platform was presented for the first time, and since it closely paralleled the National Platform, it was approved also. It was announced that Miss Margarita Dobles Rodriguez from Costa Rica had been recommended by UNESCO for the scholarship. After discussion it was decided to have Ruth Lewman confer with Esther Hymer in the U. N. before acceptance by the Indiana Federation.

Mrs. Leicester S. Fulwider, National Education and Vocations Chairman, gave specific goals for attaining membership, making programs interesting, changing attitudes, and supporting women. Melanie Menderson performed her duties as National Paliamentarian. Dr. Kenneth McFarland, Educational Consultant and Lecturer for General Motors, spoke at the banquet on the subject, "Thinkin' Tall." There were 994 in attendance at the banquet, the largest number attending up to this date. Francis W. Carpenter, Associate Press Correspondent for the U. N., spoke at the breakfast on Sunday morning on "Spy-Catching in the UN." These clubs received awards: Lawrence, the Adah O. Frost Award; Batesville, the Jennie Rae Hersch Award; Batesville, the Sally Butler Trophy. New officers were installed by Mrs Fulwider.

1954-1955

State Officers:

President, Mary Cowger, Indianapolis
1st Vice-President, Helen Johnson, Auburn
2nd Vice-President, Ruth Shanks, Plymouth
Recording Secretary, Juliet Smith, Hagerstown
Corresponding Secretary, Alice Alexander, Elizabeth Rainey of Indianapolis
Treasurer, Louise Morgan, Vincennes
Member-at-Large, Janie Weaver, Dunkirk
Parliamentarian, Helen Beck, Lebanon

THEME: *"Adventure in Achievement."* More than one hundred attended the Biennial Convention in St. Louis. The biennial delegates voted to raise $315,000 by popular subscription to build our own office in Washington, D. C. Indiana's quota was set at $17,924.00. Sally Butler was named chairman of the National Federation's Fund Raising Committee for the National Building Fund project. Four Sectional Meetings were held, one each at Gary, Terre Haute, Decatur, and Corydon. At the Fall Council Meeting, Harry W. Schacter, President of Banner-Whitehall Corporation, spoke on the subject, "The Battle for Democracy Will Be Won or Lost in the Local Communities." A United Nations Tour was sponsored by the International Relations Committee, Dorothy Darling, Chairman. The state president attended the New York Herald-Tribune Forum, the National Program Planning Committee in Washington, D. C., and the luncheon in honor of the Women of the Eighty-fourth Congress. This was the year when each club in its respective state was responsible for forming its own program. This resulted from action at biennial to suspend the formulation and publication of a formal program by the National Office. House Bill No. 188, Equal Pay for Women was introduced in the State Legislature by Representatives Anna Smelser and Elsie Barning. Intensive work was done on the Equal Rights Amendment without Compromise or Rider and a most interesting article appeared on this in the March 1955 Hoosier Business Woman written by Virginia Rowland. Two new clubs were added: Francisco, and Fort Harrison, making a total of 133 clubs. LaGrange, Millersburg, Muncie Civic Career, and Rockport were dropped. Indiana's membership was 9,041.

THIRTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

French Lick Springs Hotel, June 10, 11, 12, 1955

Convention was opened officially for the first time on Friday night. Helen Irwin, Immediate Past National President, was the National Representative. Mrs. W. H. Vinzant, Indianapolis, served as Parliamentarian, and conducted a Parliamentary Round Table. At the Friday evening session, Sally Butler spoke on, "Power of Women Unleashed in Nations of Teeming Millions."

It was decided that resolutions must be followed through by clubs, that recommendations became a part of the next year's program of work if passed, and that suggestions by committee chairmen or officers could be used as a part of the next year's plan of work if club committee chairmen so desired. The Legislative Platform, both state and national, contained resolutions that members continue working on the Equal Rights Amendment. Sally Butler urged that this be done in order that women could be classified as citizens with the right of citizenship under the Constitution. The state legislative platform contained the mandated support of legislation designed to eliminate discrimination against women on the basis of sex. It was resolved that support be given to the United Nations as a potent force for world peace.

Miss Helen Irwin spoke at the afternoon session on "A Two-Way Stretch." It was announced that the fellow who was to have come to Indiana from Costa Rica could not come, and that other applications for the UNESCO Scholarship were on the way. At the banquet, Sally Butler directed a "Parade of Roses," a tribute to Mary Cowger by clubs which had to date contributed $16,024 toward the National Building Fund. Sally Butler, chairman of this fund for the National Federation, was pleased that Indiana was meeting this obligation promptly. The Honorable Ivy Baker Priest, Treasurer of the United States, addressed the members. On Sunday morning Miss Helen Irwin spoke at the breakfast on "Stop, Look, and Listen." Emma Neal Boggess announced the Regional Conference to be held in French Lick in August. Awards were received: Oakland City, the Adah O. Frost Award; Fort Harrison, the Jennie Rae Hersch Award; and Gary, the Sally Butler Trophy. Miss Irwin installed the new Officers.

1955-1956

State Officers:

President, Mary Cowger, Indianapolis
1st Vice-President, Helen Johnson, Auburn

2nd Vice-President, Helen K. Ross, Rushville
Recording Secretary, Ellen McCutchan, Evansville
Corresponding Secretary, Esther Schmitt, Indianapolis
Treasurer, Louise Morgan, Vincennes
Member-at-Large, Janie Weaver, Dunkirk
Parliamentarian, Helen Beck, Lebanon

THEME: *Aim High—The Accent Is On You.*" Mrs. Bessie Thornton, South Bend, was elected Chairman of the East Central Region held in French Lick, August 18-21, 1955; Irene Hiss of South Bend was elected Corresponding Secretary. The state president and the vice-president attended the National Board Meeting in Louisville and the National Program Coordination Meeting in New York. Miss Beatrice Patterson, Director of Membership and Field Services, conducted a workshop for presidents and program coordinators July 10. Sectional programs were held in Lafayette, Shelbyville, Bedford, and Pokagon State Park and were attended by 762 members. During the year a study was made to improve or change the Sectional Meetings. At the Fall Council held November 13, Miss Olive H. Huston of Xenia, Ohio, spoke on the subject, "Make Mine Vanilla."

The State Federation reached its quota of funds for the new National Headquarters before Convention time. The UNESCO Scholarship project was completed with the arrival of Miss Souad Malek, Damascus, Syria, to study at Indiana University during 1956-1957. In March temporary headquarters of the National Federation were established in Washington, D. C. A proposal was made that a National Foundation be established in connection with Headquarters and the state president was asked to vote on the matter. A state flag was purchased to be used during the March of Flags at Biennial Convention in Miami; later to be placed in National Headquarters when it is completed. New clubs added: Boonville, Keener of Demotte, Greenwood, Springs Valley, Waterloo. A total of 139 clubs brought membership to 9,464.

THIRTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

French Lick Springs Hotel, June 8, 9, 10, 1956

Miss Hazel Palmer, National First Vice-President served as National Representative and spoke on "The Mirror of Tomorrow." Mrs. Melanie Menderson, National Parliamentarian, was back in Indiana after an absence at last Convention. Mrs. Marion Stevens Eberly, Director of the Women's Division, Institute of Life Insurance, New York City, spoke at the meeting on Friday evening on the subject, "Modern Woman—Myth and Reality." The UNESCO fellow, Souad Malek, was a guest, and won the hearts of all present by expressing her gratitude at being in America. Sally Butler, past International President, and Bessie Thornton, director of the East Central Region, were present. The Franklin club presented a play, "Mrs. Stephenson's Charm School." Recommendations accepted were: adding another vice-president to the list of officers to be elected; making standing committee chairman members of the State Board (without vote); electing one member from each district to the State Nominating Committee. Work was to be continued to eliminate discrimination against employable women. The appointment of a registered lobbyist was considered. The educational program on Equal Rights was continued and members were to persuade every congressman from Indiana to favor the Equal Rights Amendment without crippling amendments. Wires were sent to Senators Capehart and Jenner. Hospitality to foreign students was expanded. The use of an analysis of membership as a basis for expansion was recommended.

The speaker at the banquet, Margaret Culkin Banning, spoke on the subject, "Hitched to a Star." At the breakfast on Sunday morning, Mrs. Bessie Thornton brought a message to the group from the East Central Region; Ruth Woodworth, Indianapolis, Promotion Chairman for the Convention in Miami told of plans for the meeting; and Souad Malek, UNESCO recipient expressed appreciation again and told of her difficulties in getting here and about her studies at Indiana University.

The Adah O. Frost Award was received by Lawrenceburg, the Jennie Rae Hersch Award by Martinsville, and the Sally Butler Trophy by Goshen. Miss Hazel Palmer, National First Vice-President, installed the officers for 1956-1957.

1956-1957

State Officers:

President, Helen Johnson Kelly, Auburn
1st Vice-President, Mary Jessee, Gary
2nd Vice-President, Janie Weaver, Dunkirk
Recording Secretary, Ellen McCutchan, Evansville

Corresponding Secretary, Evelyn Kolbe, Garrett
Treasurer, Louise Harrison, Lafayette
Member-at-Large, Myrtle Bearman
Parliamentarian, Mary Cowger, Indianapolis

THEME: *"Aim High—New Levels of Leadership."* By order of the 1956 State Convention, Fall Sectional Meetings were discontinued. Instead, a Fall Council was held earlier and workshops were conducted to aid club officers and committee chairmen in the year's work. This meeting exemplified program coordination in action. The state watchword was, "Leadership Lies Within You." The Equal Rights Amendment was introduced in the 85th Congress on January 5, 1957 by Katharine St. George. Clubs were urged to contact Congressmen when only 64 more votes were needed in the Senate. However, it was impossible to report the Equal Rights Amendment out of Committee in its original wording.

The president, Helen Kelly, and the vice-president, Mary Jessee, attended the Program Planning Committee Meeting in Washington, D. C., in January. Clubs during the year worked on Civil Defense, Youth Recreation, First Aid Courses, Blood Typing Programs, Charm Schools, Career Clinics, and Movies and TV's for hospitals. New clubs added were: Avilla, Bluffton, Huntingburg, and Westfield. Total clubs in the Federation were 141; membership 10,012.

THIRTY-NINTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

Morrison Hotel, Chicago, Illinois, May 17, 18, 19, 1957

At the Friday evening session a person-to-person and country-to-country interview was held by telephone between International President, Margaret Hyndman of Toronto, Canada, and Judge Sarah T. Hughes, past National President and First Vice-President of the International Federation. Judge Hughes, acting as National Representative to Indiana's Convention, gave a summation of the Program Evaluation Workshop conducted by Janie Weaver and the state committee chairman, spoke at the banquet on Saturday evening on "Women's Responsibility for Leadership in the World Crisis," and installed the new officers on Sunday morning. Mrs. Frances Allen of Indianapolis served as Parliamentarian. Sally Butler was National Representative at the Convention in Helena, Montana, and sent greetings.

During the year many clubs enjoyed entertaining Miss Souad Malek, Damascus, Syria, our UNESCO Scholarship recipient. Members received her grateful thanks and heard her speak on "My Impressions" at the Sunday morning breakfast. Regret was felt at her leaving us after her eighteen months stay.

A summer workshop was proposed for local club presidents and program coordinators. International dues were raised from ten to fifteen cents. The proposal made last year that each district elect a member to the State Nominating Committee was approved. The duties of the new Third Vice-President were outlined, her main activity to be that of Chairman of Membership; two co-chairmen are to be appointed to assist her. Edith Scales was given the title of Executive Secretary by a by-law change. Recommendations were made to place women in policy making posts, work for the Equal Rights Amendment, back the attack on traffic accidents, (a part of the national program), and support the World Health Organization and Conservation of National Resources. Judge Hughes in commenting on the Legislative platform advised that members concentrate on one thing and then keep after it. Indiana went on record in opposing standard by-laws. Awards were given to: Whiting, the Adah O. Frost Award; Morristown, the Jennie Rae Hersch Award; Fort Wayne, the Sally Butler Trophy.

At the banquet Judge Hughes said that the Status of Women Commission, established eleven years ago, has focused attention on the discriminations that exist through the world against women. Our relation to this world movement to advance the cause of women is to carry out its recommendations: promoting women for public office, equal pay for equal work, removing discriminations that still exist with regard to private law. The Commission can recommend but we must act.

A beautiful tribute to past presidents was written in poetry and delivered by Helen Kelly. (Later this was published in the Hoosier Business Woman.) At the breakfast on Sunday morning, Mrs. Mildred Ahlgren, Director of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, spoke on "What I Saw in Russia." New officers installed were:

1957-1958

State Officers:

President, Mary Jessee, Gary
1st Vice-President, Janie Weaver, Dunkirk
2nd Vice-President, Ellen McCutchan, Evansville

3rd Vice-President, Myrtle Wilson, Jeffersonville
Recording Secretary, Myrtle Bearman, Angola
Corresponding Secretary, Vera Helmerick, Gary
Treasurer, Louise Harrison, Lafayette
Member-at-Large, Aletha Kirk, Kokomo
Parliamentarian, Virginia Rowland, Portland

THEME: *"Flight Into Action—Achieve Through Action. The Jet Age Approach."* Eighty-eight members went to Lexington, Kentucky for the Fourth East Central Regional Conference. Bessie Thornton gave excellent leadership as Director, and Irene Hiss as the efficient Corresponding Secretary. Indiana was first in the Region in membership, Myrtle Wilson, Chairman, and the East Central Region had the highest membership in the Federation. Helen Johnson Kelly was elected Chairman of the Nominating Committee. Mercedes Hurst, Chicago, spoke at the banquet.

In the fall of 1957 the Governor's Commission for the Aged and Aging was established. Mary Jessee represented the Federation on this Commission. Clubs in the district met in Valparaiso to discuss this problem which would be increasing. Under the leadership of Freda Noble in St. Joseph County, sectional meetings were held to stimulate thinking along lines presented by these problems. Mary Jessee and Dr. Mattie Bullard, State Chairman of Health and Safety, represented the Federation at the Midwestern Regional Conference on Traffic Safety held in Chicago.

The state project for the year was Equal Work for Comparable Pay. The Equal Pay for Equal Work Bill was introduced in Congress in March 1957 by the Honorable Cecil M. Harden, a member of the Covington Club. Support was given by members and clubs through telegrams, letters, and personal interviews with Representatives.

Mary Jessee, as a member of the National Board, and Janie Weaver as observer, attended the National Board Meeting in Detroit in July. In September 1957, the Indiana Federation presented the Sally Butler portrait to the new National Headquarters which had been established in Washington, D. C., at 2012 Massachusetts Avenue. Florence E. Allan was recommended for a future appointment to the Supreme Court. Letters were sent to the President of the United States, the Attorney General, and to the Senators from Ohio.

A workshop type Fall Council was held in Indianapolis in September under the direction of Ellen McCutchan. Ruth Lewman began a Cooperative Housing project and reported on it in the November issue of the Hoosier Business Woman. Also, the name of Ruth Lewman was endorsed by the State

Board for National Chairman of the International Relations Committee. Edith Scales, State Executive Secretary, submitted her resignation to be effective at the end of the next state convention. A committee was appointed to review applicants for the position. Five new clubs were added: Albion, Gary-Glen Park; and charters to Chandler, Evansville No. 2, and Newburgh were presented in Evansville at the same time. The Medora Club was dropped. In March, membership was reported: 10,041 in 155 clubs.

FORTIETH ANNUAL CONVENTION

French Lick Springs Hotel, May 23, 24, 25, 1958

Sally Butler came home to Indiana to serve as National Representative. Melanie Menderson, National Parliamentarian, served again at the State Convention. An amendment to the by-laws included a raise of fifteen cents International dues for each member. It was voted to elect the chairman of the Nominating Committee in the same manner as other officers at State Convention, this amendment to go into effect in 1959. It was recommended that districts be organized with a secretary, treasurer, and such other officers as needed to serve at the Directors' meetings for presidents and at the Annual District Meetings.

Approval was given for a summer workshop in 1958 for local club presidents and program coordinators. Tella Haines, Historian, made the motion which carried, that fifty dollars be set aside each year in the treasury for the purpose of printing the Indiana Federation History to commemorate the State Federation's fiftieth anniversary in 1968. Mary Cowger was appointed Promotion Chairman for Indiana and for the East Central Region for the National Convention to be held in Seattle. The announcement was made that Ruth Lewman was working on plans for a BPW tour to the International Congress in Paris, France to be held in July 1959. Mrs. Marie Carlton, Franklin, was employed as State Executive Secretary and began her duties in the spring of 1958.

Action was taken on a National By-Law change that National Conventions be held each year, which would mean the elimination of Regionals. Indiana was opposed to the elimination of Regionals. An amendment was proposed to be sent to the National Federation that clubs would be eligible for admission to the National Federation if they had not less than fifteen members. Awards were made to: Springs Valley, the Adah O. Frost Award; Morristown, the Jennie Rae Hersch Award; New Albany, the Sally Butler Trophy.

At the banquet, Maggie Daly, Chicago, spoke on "Celebrities Are My Business." Messages from our friends across the sea were given at the breakfast by two guests of the Convention: Lillian Thyland from Sweden and Dr. Hala Zawaui of India. Sally Butler spoke on the theme of the Convention, "A Forward Look to the Future," after which she installed the officers for 1958-1959.

1958-1959

State Officers:

President, Mrs. Janie Weaver, Dunkirk
1st Vice President, Miss Ellen McCutchan, Evansville
2nd Vice President, Mrs. Myrtle Wilson, Indianapolis
3rd Vice President, Miss Myra Ruth Freed, Lafayette
Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Doris Roderick, Hartford City
Recording Secretary, Mrs. Vera M. Helmerick, Gary
Treasurer, Miss Mabel Kidwell, Brazil
Member-at-large, Miss Violet Green, Muncie
Parliamentarian, Miss Virginia Rowland, Bluffton

Janie Weaver, as President, and the other newly elected officers of the Indiana Federation held their post Convention Board Meeting on May 25, 1958, followed by the June Board Meeting. The Board of Directors adopted as Indiana's slogan, "Better Clubs Make Better Communities; Better Communities Make a Better State". Plans were formulated for the coming Biennial to be held at Seattle, Washington July 4-9.

At this Biennial, true to tradition, Indiana had a good attendance with approximately one hundred (100), including delegates and alternates and nine past state presidents. Mary Jessee, a past state president, served on the Nominating Committee, while Lettie Trefz of the Indianapolis Club served on the Elections Committee and our own Sally Butler, a past State, National and International President, served as Chairman of the Nominating Committee. Indiana was signally honored by having Miss Ruth Lewman, a past State President and member of the Indianapolis Club, appointed International Relations Chairman.

On action taken at this Biennial, beginning in 1960 future National Conventions are to convene annually, the next meeting to be held in Philadelphia, 1960, and the summer of 1959 was to be the end of Regional Meetings. The Biennial Concention adopted, as the national project' an automotive safety National Survey on Uniform Signs and Signals and Markings under the nomenclature of "Design for Living." Grace B. Daniels was elected president to serve the next two years.

The Indiana delegates were especially complimentary of the fine hospitality activities provided by the Washington Club at this unique convention. The Indiana officials and those in attendance came home filled with enthusiasm and inspiration, plus a lot of "know-how" knowledge for practical purposes and set about to make our own Federation, through its club and individual members, exemplify our own theme "Better Clubs Do Make Better Communities", with emphasis on *YOU*. With this in mind, on August 17, the President called a Leadership Conference at the Marott Hotel. This meeting brought representatives from all over the state; the result of such conference was manifested in various ways through the local clubs not only during National Business Women's Week but the entire year, and at no time in the Federation's history had newspaper, radio and television coverage been so great. Indiana was now fourth in national membership. Ruth Lewman, past president of our Federation brought signal honor to our state with her appointment as National International Relations Chairman. But our rejoicing was turned to sorrow when, just a few weeks after this appointment, Ruth's untimely death occurred.

In October, the 8th District as hostess at Muncie gave a tea featuring "Down Memory Lane" in honor of President Janie. Came November and the Fall Council Meeting in Indianapolis with over 500 in attendance with a surprise visit from our National President, Miss Grace B. Daniels. Betty Foster, a member of the Terre Haute Club, reported that she had recruited 24 of our members to attend the International Congress to be held in Paris, France the coming July. The Council guest speaker was Miss Vi Morlan of the Woman's Bureau of the Department of Labor. Many interesting facts and challenging figures were brought out but the fact that she proved was, that women are people and are well qualified (in some instances better than men) to do a job. A beautiful and fitting tribute to Miss Ruth Lewman, recently deceased, was given by Ruth Hoover, Grace Schoenbaechler and Marie Carlton.

In January of 1959 our President Janie Weaver and Vice President Ellen McCutchan attended the National Program Planning meeting in Washington, D. C.

The 1959 State Convention was held in Indianapolis May 22-24 at the Claypool Hotel with the theme "The Golden Key . . . That Opens Every Door." Our National Representative was Dorothy Brimacombe of Las Vegas, our National Treasurer. The Friday night speaker was Carol Lane, known as America's "First Lady of Touring"; the Sunday morning speaker was Mrs. Winifred Smith; the speaker for the climax of the banquet was Miss Margaret Hickey, Editor of Ladies Home Journal and a past National President. Each of these speakers, in their own inimitable way, did prove that the Golden Key does open every door, whether in the field of business, in the home, or in the spiritual life of working women.

History will record that this convention in Indianapolis was one of our largest—1157 members were registered.

A summation of the year's accomplishment with the emphasis on *YOU,* an individual member, working collectively in our different clubs can be told by more than forty-five success stories translated into various community projects and activities, such as evening classes for career advancement, career guidance clinics, additional educational funds in the form of scholarship loan funds, active participation in "Back the Attack on Accidents", financial aid through contributions (some in enormous amounts) to new local hospitals, recreational centers, programs for the handicapped, personal services at rehabilitation centers and in elderly citizens projects, cooperation with city councils in the enforcement of the communities health and sanitation ordinances, blood banks for club members, counseling of high school girls with outstanding achievements and awards in the "Design for Living".

"We started our year of 1958-59 with the humble desire to 'prove ourselves' by service to our members and friends and to the communities in which we live, and with flaming enthusiasm in the possibilities of such service to make stronger clubs and better members. We met with some measure of success. And still, as with hurrying feet we approach the goal, we realize anew that ideals are never completely reached—and the goal still lies ahead. But, like life itself, our great Federation knows no end to endeavors, and the continuity of effort from all of us is the never ending challenge," concluded President Janie.

1959-1960

State Officers:

President, Miss Ellen McCutchan, Evansville
1st Vice President, Mrs. Myrtle Wilson, Jeffersonville and Indianapolis

2nd Vice President, Miss Myra Ruth Freed, Lafayette
3rd Vice President, Mrs. Lettie Trefz, Indianapolis
Corresponding Secretary, Miss Edna Noelle, Evansville
Recording Secretary, Mrs. Doris Roderick, Hartford City
Treasurer, Miss Mabel Kidwell, Brazil
Member-at-large: Miss Betty McKinley, Vincennes
Parliamentarian, Miss Grace Schoenbaechler, Evansville

With a membership of approximately ten-thousand, one hundred forty-six clubs, an estimated budget of $16,900, and the national theme of "Effective Living Through Business and Professional Women's Clubs," the newly elected president, Miss Ellen McCutchan of Evansville, began her administration. New work program included not only the Standing Committees but Special Projects Committees as the Ruth Lewman Memorial Fund, our Home for Retired Members, Blue Cross Insurance and surveys to be made on uniform Retired Members the voting body voted to continue the project for another traffic signs and signals conducted by our National Foundation.

The first official business of the new president was the attendance at Las Vegas, Nevada of National Board. Mrs. Myrtle Wilson, first vice president, accompanied her on this trip. Space will not permit the recording of the many discussions and recommendations made at this meeting, other than that of the increasing of National dues in the amount of $1.00 and the evidence to be gathered by the various states in support of the Equal Rights Amendment pending in the National Congress.

In July several of our members, including past National and International President, our Sally, under a conducted tour by Dr. Betty Foster attended the International Congress in Paris, France.

On July 26 the Leadership Conference, emphasizing "Effective Living Through Leadership," was held at the Marott Hotel with over three hundred in attendance.

In August the president and vice president accompanied by three of our members attended the East Central Regional Conference in Cleveland. At the National Membership Clinic in September, Indiana was represented by a number of our members and our president. Early October found our President in Washington D. C. for one day attending the National Business Women's kick-off luncheon.

Come November first,—Fall Council meeting at the Claypool Hotel featuring All Star Membership luncheon, using the baseball motif. At this meeting we were reminded that within a week four hundred forty-seven cities and towns in Indiana would be holding elections and that a number of our women were candidates and as citizens our vote should be 100%.

Reports of the Special Projects Committees showed great interest, participation and work in what was being done. The Federation happily greeted Miss Olive Huston, former Executive Secretary of National, who as guest speaker, told us *how* and *how not* to build our membership.

In early April our President attended at Alexandria, Virginia, a Seminar on The Dynamics of Community Self-Surveys by Organized Women's Groups.

State Convention was held at South Bend May 13-15, 1960 at Pick-Oliver Hotel, stressing the theme: "Progress Through Effective Living". The voting body consisted of six hundred sixty-six members.

The International Delegates Fund collected during the year amounted to $727.50. The Ruth Lewman Memorial Fund, used for scholarships, amounted to $3,261.26. After a report from the Committee on Home for Retired Members the voting body voted to continue the project for another year and at the same time voted a contribution of $100 from the State Treasury. Dr. Dorothy Darling of Gary, Indiana, made a like contribution. Awards and citations made at this Convention were many. Six clubs showed a gain in their membership of 20%, or more. Three clubs received sponsoring citations. The Jennie Rae Hersh award went to Covington, as did Ring the Bell for Membership. The Adah O. Frost Award was won by Mishawaka. Fifty-five of the clubs received outstanding service citations for their contribution to the National Foundation's Survey on uniform traffic signs and signals.

A summation of the reports made by the Standing Committees for the year 1959-60 showed that practically every club had made "effective living" felt in their communities through community projects and activities such as nursing homes, hospitals, scholarships, education, city beautification, participation in Red Cross work, Mental Health, and Heart Fund Drives. These many projects and activities were as unique and diversified as our individual members. Special mention should go to the Corydon Club, with a membership of under fifty, who donated the Hillside Seat Amphitheatre. Evansville Club during the year made a gift of $1,250 to Mental Health Association for use in special camping projects. Sullivan Club donated $2,000 to its new hospital.

Our National Representative at the Convention in South Bend was Dr. Minnie C. Miles, who spoke on Business and Professional Women's Foundation. Dr. C. Dudley Foster, Regional Manager of General Electric's Market Development Operation of Cleveland, Ohio, entitled his address at the banquet, "Looking Back on the Sixties". This was not only highly amusing and entertaining but gave us a peek into what to expect in the future. Dr. John L. Buford, Superintendent of Public Schools, Mt. Vernon, Illinois, gave an inspirational address, "Let's Strive for Peace", at the Sunday morning breakfast.

President Ellen had written another page in our Federation's history and ended her administration with this observation: "My year as president of the Indiana Federation was most rewarding. I feel honored to have been a part of such projects as Ruth Lewman Fund, Blue Cross, Home for Retired Members, and the many others. The Indiana Federation is a wonderful organization and I watch with interest its accomplishments".

1960-1961

State Officers:

President, Mrs. Myrtle Wilson, Indianapolis and Jeffersonville
1st Vice-President, Miss Myra Ruth Freed, Lafayette
2nd Vice-President, Mrs. Lettie Trefz, Indianapolis
3rd Vice President, Miss Mabel Kidwell, Brazil
Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Violet Brown, Greenfield
Recording Secretary, Mrs. Doris Roderick, Hartford City
Treasurer, Miss Ruth Shanks, Plymouth
Member-at-large, Virginia Rowland, Bluffton
Parliamentarian, Miss Ruth Hoover, Indianapolis

"True happiness lies only in service
In service that's loyal and true
And gives of its best to each member
We pledge this—our service to you".

With this pledge from our newly elected President, Mrs. Myrtle Wilson and her official Board, the Indiana Federation began its forty-second year.

Indiana was most fortunate in having at its last Biennial, held in Philadelphia, July 17-22, ninety-three Hoosier Business women, including a majority of our state officers.

The theme chosen by National was "*Women Advancing*", while the State selected its theme as "*Hoosier Women Advancing Together*". The Leadership

Conference for club presidents, program coordinators, treasurers and others interested was held at the Marott hotel with more than 100 clubs represented and more than 500 in attendance. The Speaker for the occasion was Mr. Don Bolt of Brazil, Indiana, who spoke on Latin America. At the Board meeting preceding the council meeting a letter was read from our National President, Miss Fannie Hardy, appointing a past president, Miss Tella C. Haines, as a member of the National Legislative Steering Committee. It was also announced that Corbelita Astraquillo of the Phillippines, a music student at Indiana University, was the recipient of our Ruth Lewman Scholarship Fund, which Fund approximated over $3,000.00. The Board voted to ask each club for a donation of one dollar to be applied to our National Library Fund. Reports were made by Ruth Hoover, Chairman of Special Committee Blue Cross-Blue Shield and by Tella C. Haines, Chairman of Special Committee on Retirement Home for our members.

The Membership Chairman, Miss Mabel Kidwell asked every member to be in search of Miss Ten Thousand and to find her by Convention time.

National Business Women's Week, emphasizing "Symbols of the Sixties-More Women at Work", was publicized by radio, television, news media, club bulletins and featured programs for the entire week.

The February 1961 issue of Hoosier Business Woman, in observance of the magazines thirty-fifth anniversary, paid special tribute to Miss Mary Kennedy, State president in 1926-27, to its Editor, Molly English of Portland, associate editors Ellen Stevens Henning and Roberta Starr of Elkhart, and business manager, Daisy A. Harrison of South Bend, who were responsible for our first Hoosier Business Woman.

Due to the diligent and untiring efforts of Legislation Chairman Mrs. Marion Leiter, Senate Bill No. 1,—Equal Pay Bill, was introduced the first day of the 1961 General Assembly. Greater progress was made on this bill at this session than any prior time.

Our president, Mrs. Wilson, attended the "Women in Government" luncheon in Washington, D. C. and the briefing session for State Presidents on January 7, 1961. At this meeting the National President, Miss Fanny Hardy, announced that the Board of Trustees had employed Mrs. Lillian Majally of New York as Director of the Business and Professional Women's Foundation, effective February 15, 1961. Announcement was also made by the National President that the Foundation had received a grant of $15,000 from the All-state Foundation for the purpose of conducting Economic Seminars. Indiana was pleased and proud of our state president, Mrs. Wilson, a participant in the Spring at the Seminar held in Cincinnati, Ohio, together with nine of its members.

The Spring Board meeting was held in March and the theme chosen for our State Convention at French Lick was "Meeting the Challenge of the New Age".

The Jeffersonville Club, of which Myrtle, our president, was a member, endorsed Myrtle for the office of third Vice President of the National Federation. Our State Federation began immediately to further Myrtle's candidacy with the response "We'll be with you, Myrtle, all the Way".

The yearly reports of the State Officers, District Directors, Committee Chairmen and Special Committee Chairmen conclusively proved that Hoosier Women had advanced together during the year 1960-61. Another proof of the advancement and recognition of women's worth in their community was the appointment of past state president, Miss Mary L. Jessee of Gary, currently serving as trust officer of Gary National Bank, by Governor Welsh as a trustee of Indiana State College at Terre Haute, in which capacity she also serves as assistant secretary to the Board of Trustees. The Mount Vernon Club gained recognition when Mrs. Virginia C. Carroll was named to head the women's activities of civil defense for six states, including our Hoosier state. Louise Schaffner of New Albany was re-elected Treasurer of the Indiana Association of Workers for the Blind; Mrs. Schaffner is currently serving as a Director on the State Board for their new Home for the Blind now under construction. It would be difficult to evaluate or measure, by any standard, the "advancing together" of our Hoosier business and professional women, but our president, Myrtle, puts it this way:

"Coming together is the beginning
Staying together is progress
Working together is success".

The 43rd annual Convention was held at French Lick in May. The Highlight of the first night was the crowning of Miss Ten Thousand in the person of Miss Esther Cassidy of the Frankfort Club, whose District Director was Esther McIntosh. Our National Representative was Mrs. Mabel McClanahan of Appleton, Wis., currently serving as Recording Secretary. "Youth and You in the New Age" was the subject of the banquet speaker, Dr. Lawrence G. Derthick of Washington, D. C. On Sunday Morning Memorial Services were held with Mrs. LaVonne DeVore, a past state president, in charge; this was followed by an address by Chloe Gifford of Lexington, Kentucky. These

Speakers focused our thoughts on our Convention theme, "The Challenge of the New Age", and brought out that this New Age does challenge all America at home and abroad and that there is also a spiritual challenge for each of us.

Indiana through its eight hundred fifty-nine members, of which six hundred eighty-six were registered delegates (124 Clubs), happily welcomed and greeted our own Sally Butler.

1961-1962

State Officers:

President, Miss Myra Ruth Freed, Lafayette
First Vice President, Mrs. Lettie Trefz, Indianapolis
Second Vice President, Miss Mabel Kidwell, Brazil
Third Vice President, Miss Helen Coleman, New Albany
Recording Secretary, Mrs. Veragrace French, South Bend
Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Jean L. Gigax, Lafayette
Treasurer, Miss Ruth Shanks, Plymouth

The Indiana Federation for the second time selected its president from Lafayette—Miss Myra Ruth Freed. Miss Mary Kennedy in 1926 served as the fifth president while Myra Ruth became the twenty-sixth president.

One of the first official duties of the new president was the installation of a new club at Portage sponsored by the Valparaiso Club.

Eighty-seven delegates went to Chicago for the 1961 National Convention. Indiana was hostess for our Hoosier "500" breakfast, with sixty guests from the various states. A delightful musical program was given by Miss Corbelita Astraquillo, our recipient of the Ruth Lewman Scholarship Fund. To our great pleasure, Miss Katherine Peden, our National First Vice President, invited Corbelita to sing before the Convention. We were honored when Myrtle Wilson, our immediate past president, was appointed National Chairman of the Personal Development Committee.

On the President's agenda for the year were three projects adopted at our National Convention:

1. A program of executive training for women in cooperation with leading universities of the nation.

2. A conference of the Business and Professional Women of the Americas. and
3. The realization of the pledge of $100,000 for the Dr. Minnie L. Maffett Residence for Nurses in Formosa.

On the state level:—

1. The Retirement Home Project on which the Special Committee has been working for the past three years.
2. The re-opening of Blue Cross-Blue Shield to new members.
3. An equal pay for equal work bill.
4. Substitution of concern for indifference in selecting women for state and local offices.
5. Translation of our National theme: Dimensions in Democracy.

A leadership Conference was held in August with Mabel Kidwell and Helen Coleman as co-chairmen. Many and varied community and civic projects were presented to the Conference. The Luncheon Speaker was Donald C. Bruce, Member of Congress of the 11th Congressional District, whose subject was "The Ebbing Tide".

The Fall Council meeting was held in November with Lettie Trefz as Chairman. The film "That Others May Live," portraying the work and needs of the Chinese Nurses on Formosa, was presented, and Myrtle Wilson spoke on "Developing Individually". Our luncheon address by Dr. Carl G. Byers was entitled "A New Look At Democracy". He gave us this thought: "A happy heart is as essential to success as a serious mind." Sixteen clubs received golden keys for membership promotion and more than five hundred members were in attendance.

Fulfillment of the projects on a National level were a reality by Convention time. Indiana was represented on the first program of executive training for women. Our President attended the First Conference of the Business and Professional Women of the Americas held in San Juan, Puerto Rico; the goals of the meeting—the establishment of hemispheric friendship and an awareness of the role women can play in the social, economic and cultural progress of our countries. Indiana had contributed $5,815.15 to the Dr. Minnie L. Maffett Fund.

The 44th Convention found us at the beautiful French Lick Sheraton Hotel in Southern Indiana. Our theme—Plan, Participate, Progress. Our

National Representative was Miss Helen Krauss, National World Affairs Chairman. Our guest speakers were Dr. Cleo Dawson of Lexington, Kentucky and Mrs. Mildred L. Fitch, Purdue University, Lafayette, Indiana. Mrs. Melanie Menderson served as our Parliamentarian. Workshops and talks by the guests highlighted the business meetings. The credentials committee reported 720 voting delegates and 10 past presidents in attendance. A lovely reception was given by the Indianapolis Club honoring the incoming officers, and an impressive memorial service was presented Sunday morning for 75 of our deceased members, five of whom were charter members.

A summation of the Federation's activities for the year 1961-62 as evidenced by the reports of Chairmen of Standing and Special Committees and the District Directors made an enviable record, worthy of emulation of any Federation. Our membership was 9,991 in 144 clubs. Blue Cross-Blue Shield was reopened to new members. Corbelita Astraquillo had completed her doctorate at Indiana University School of Music and the second recipient, Miss Marika Kohalmy, a refugee from Hungary, had been chosen. Progress had been made on the substitution of concern for indifference in selecting women for state and local offices. Our president stated, "The programs and activities of our clubs have covered three 'Dimensions in Democracy'—Stature as an Individual, Depth of Community Concern, and breadth of Global Understanding. We have planned, we have participated, we have progressed and here at French Lick, we find ourselves making plans once more, thereby continuing the cycle. To plan, to participate, to progress—could not this be considered the endless circle of shining gold which surrounds our emblem?"

1962-1963

State Officers:

President: Mrs. Lettie Trefz, Indianapolis
1st Vice President: Miss Mabel Kidwell
2nd Vice President: Miss Virginia Rowland, Bluffton
3rd Vice President: Miss Ruth Shanks, Plymouth
Corresponding Secretary: Miss Kathyleen Black, Indianapolis
Recording Secretary: Mrs. Veragrace French, South Bend
Treasurer: Mrs. Louisa Hill, Marion
Parliamentarian: Mrs. Janie Weaver

At the Board meeting in June of 1962 the theme taken from National "Leadership for You" was adopted. The President stated: "This theme challenges our imagination and inspires us to think of programs and participate in projects which will train all of us in leadership roles."

The Leadership Conference under the direction of the second vice president, Miss Virginia Rowland, held in August, gave members in attendance an opportunity to analyze themselves and their clubs and to make plans for more effective leadership while working under the Committee Structure recently innaugurated. The new committees were Personal Development, Civic Participation, World Affairs, Finance, Legislation and Public Relations.

Indiana had made a good beginning for the new year. Its president with 1430 other voting delegates, were among the 2706 in attendance at the Los Angeles National Convention in July. At the Convention it was announced by the National President, Miss Katherine Peden of Kentucky, that the money for the Dr. Minnie Maffett Nurses Home had become a reality; that instead of the 100,000 hoped for, the amount of $104,000, of which Indiana had contributed $5,815.15, had been made. The Five Hundred breakfast sponsored by the Indiana Federation, honoring the National Chairman of Personal Development Committee, Mrs. Myrtle Wilson, was a huge success and was attended by 139 members and guests.

Thirty-eight of our members attended the National Leadership Training Conference in Chicago in September. It was brought out that there are 563,026 women workers in Indiana but that only 9,992 are members of the Federation. A challenge indeed!

At the International Congress held in July at Oslo, Norway, Indiana had five members in attendance, Sally Butler, Dr. Betty Foster, Ada Baker, Gladys Penny and Wilma Fisher. Our president and vice president went to Detroit in November to make plans with representatives from Michigan, Ohio, Kentucky and West Virginia, all of whom were to be hostesses at the National Convention to be held in Detroit in July of 1964. Miss Ruth Hoover, a past state president, was chosen Contact Chairman. Fall Council meeting was held in Indianapolis, using the theme "Focus on You." Sally Butler, the speaker, gave an excellent report on the recent International Congress and her visit behind the Iron Curtain in Russia. In January our president, with Mrs. Myrtle Wilson, went to Washington, D. C. to attend a legislative briefing session with our National President and our Indiana representatives in the National Congress. Each state president was challenged to work for a Commission on the Status of Women. Later in the year Governor Matthew Welsh created a like Commission in Indiana and named six of our members, Myrtle Wilson, Mrs. Wm. A. McKinzie, Prof. M. S. Tangerman, Tella Haines, Elsie Barning, and Martha Burnett, on the Commission.

The state convention was held in May at the Claypool hotel in Indianapolis, the theme being "You—the Vital Link." The National Representative was Miss Ruth Ellen Reihm, who explained the new program manual. Melanie Menderson served as Parliamentarian. The Committee for the Retirement Home project reported it to be impractical; it was voted to be discontinued with contributions returned to donors. Workshops by State Committee Chairmen developed the theme that each member is the vital link in her own club. The Springs Valley Club, re-chartered in April, was welcomed into the Federation. The project to secure passage of the Equal Pay for Comparable Work Bill was reported; again this effort was to no avail.

The banquet speaker, Charles E. Cullen, spoke on "Strength United Is the More Powerful", and the Indianapolis Octet sang. On Sunday morning, Marie Bowden, St. Petersburg, Florida, National Chairman of World Affairs, spoke at the breakfast. Marika Kohalmy, the Ruth Lewman Scholarship recipient, inspired members with her beautiful voice. The Personal Development Award was won by the Terre Haute club which had sponsored its first "Salute to Working Women" in that area of the state. The president concluded, "The true history of the Indiana Federation for the year 1962-1963 will not be told in words but in the accomplishments of the individual clubs as seen and felt in the many communities throughout Indiana, and by the personal deeds and influences as evidenced by the lives of each of its members."

1963-1964

State Officers:

President: Miss Mabel Kidwell, Brazil
First Vice President: Miss Virginia Rowland, Bluffton
Second Vice President: Miss Ruth Shanks, Plymouth
Third Vice President: Mrs. Flossie Becknell, Evansville
Recording Secretary: Miss Kathyleen A. Black, Indianapolis
Corresponding Secretary: Mrs. Ethel Barr, Brazil
Treasurer: Mrs. Naomi Heiwig, Seymour
Member-at-Large: Mrs. Alice Stratton, Beech Grove
Parliamentarian: Miss Myra Ruth Freed, Lafayette

Indiana's Program for 1963-1964 was strong and forward looking aimed at making every member aware of the importance of her place in "The Responsibility of Full Partnership." It was also aimed at laying a good foundation for continuing work and a strong Federation in the years ahead. We were thrilled in Detroit to receive the award for the best OVERALL Civic Participation Program; another honor at the National Convention was the participation of the Indiana Federation along with five other State Federations in a still life tableaux depicting programs for the year in "Program Showcase." Our state theme was implemented and furthered by such programs as "Keeping Youngsters in School", "Operation Friendship", full co-operation with local Defense committees, and by encouraging and supporting women for appointive and elective offices; as a result of the latter, thirteen women were candidates for Mayor, three of whom were nominated and two elected.

The National Convention in Dallas found Indiana at the fore. It maintained at the convention hotel an Indiana suite headquarters with a hostess on duty at all times. Many of our members were in attendance, including two of Indiana's 1919ers, Eva Lewis of Indianapolis and Tella C. Haines of Sullivan; our members served on Nominating, Election Watchers, Platform and Door Keepers committees.

Indiana, by its president, presented a check to the International president, Helen Irwin, for $500.00 to be applied on the Ramallah School for Girls.

National Business Women's Week was climaxed by our first adventure in a two day Leadership Conference, which was highly successful. In addition to Workshops and speakers an added and well received event following the banquet was the Carnival of Ideas, at which "Voice Improvement", "Hair Styling", "Weight Control", "The Basic Dress" and other personal improvement suggestions were featured.

Our Federation was represented by our member-at-large, Alice L. Stratton, at the U. S. Department of State Regional Foreign Policy Conference held in Indianapolis in November.

The Occupational Survey was completed and published in September which revealed that seventy-two different occupations made up the Federation's membership as compared with the seven different occupations in 1918! The only occupation not represented in 1963 that was represented in 1918 was that of Sheep Raising. Of these seventy-two different occupations Teacher-educators had the largest group; Retired—second, Secretary-Stenographer—third, and smallest—Tax Consultant.

The Ruth Lewman Scholarship recipient, Elsie Noble of Manilla, obtained her doctorate degree at Indiana University.

The National representative at the forty-sixth state convention at French Lick was Mrs. Zella Stone, Personal Development chairman. The voting delegates and alternates totaled seven hundred sixty-nine. Salmon Rizk, author and lecturer, was the banquet speaker on Saturday night; the World Affairs speaker on Sunday morning was Miss Ann Brownell of the Department of State.

A summation of the reports given by the officers, district directors and committee chairman left no doubt in the minds of the 10,059 members but that the 1963-1964 program had been strong and forward looking.

1964-1965

State Officers:

President: Miss Virginia Rowland, Bluffton
First Vice President: Miss Ruth Shanks, Plymouth
Second Vice President: Mrs. Flossie Becknell, Evansville
Third Vice President: Mrs. Alice Stratton, Beech Grove
Recording Secretary: Mrs. Kathyleen Black, Indianapolis
Corresponding Secretary: Mrs. Ellen Mayne, Bluffton
Treasurer: Mrs. Naomi Heiwig, Seymour

The thirty-eighth president of the Indiana Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Virginia Rowland, stated at the time of her installation: "Tomorrow our watchword will continue to be progress. We hope to grow in number and in strength so that the future achievements of our Indiana Federation will be even greater than those of the past forty-six years." During the summer months she attended the National Convention in Detroit, the National Leadership Conference in Louisville, Kentucky with 52 members, and the National Legislative Conference in Washington D. C. The National theme chose for the year was "Responsibility of Full Partnership" and the State Theme: "Partners in Progress."

Plans and Projects for the year consisted of a study and Survey of "Drop-Outs" in our membership, a Survey of Opportunities in advancing our career skills, a Hoosier Lady-of-the-year award, a possible Indiana Legislative Conference, a two-day combined Leadership-Council meeting at Purdue University and a special project, "See Indiana First", with a number of tours planned in different parts of the state. Before the end of the year, most of these became a reality.

Completion of the "Dropout" Survey revealed that the three major reasons were: Business Sessions too long and non-informative, need of improved programs with more fun and fellowship, and initiation services came too late. The Hoosier Lady of the Year selected was Dr. Bonnell Souder of Auburn, a past state president of the Federation, who was honored in 1963 as one of 26 practicing physicians who had practiced for more than half a century in Indiana. "See Indiana First" project won for the State a National Citation. Tours proved most popular all over the state, including the Covered Bridge Festival at Rockville in October.

The two day Leadership-Council meeting at Purdue University was outstanding in every way. Federal Judge Sarah T. Hughes of Texas was the banquet speaker and the Purduettes provided enjoyable entertainment long to be remembered. A number of panel discussions germane to our program and themes were conducted by various professors at the University.

Another pleasurable event was a surprise visit from the National President, Mrs. Dorothy Ford. and Mrs. Cravens Douglass, National Membership Chairman in November. They were on a Gold Rush Trip across the country in the interest of membership at which time a Gold Miners Banquet was held in Indianapolis. Indiana had recently been honored by the appointment of a past state president, Mrs. Myrtle Wilson as Divisional Membership Chairman, serving with Mrs. Douglass in Division 8 which included Indiana and four surrounding states.

Two of our members at the banquet were presented with Gold Cards in recognition of having secured five or more new members.

Attendance at the State Convention in Ft. Wayne included 627 delegates, 7 past state presidents and 74 alternates plus others. From the Reports submitted by Special and Standing committees, we had proved "Partners in Progress" as follows:

1. Contributions from local clubs to the various Projects which the Indiana Federation subscribed to and supported, in excess of $3700.00.

2. One new club,—the Tippecanoe Business and Professional Women's Club.

3. Legislatively speaking: On the statute books had been written the Minimum Wage Law, Better Flood Control, Industrial and Tourism Promo-

tion but the disappointment was the defeat of the Equal Pay Bill, which Indiana has worked for since the twenties; however, considerable "know-how" had been attained through actual experience under the chairmanship of Elsie Barning, one of our members and also a member of the General Assembly.

Our National president, Mrs. Dorothy Ford, gave the address at the banquet and installed the newly elected officers. Other guest speakers who addressed the convention were Mary Gordon who presented an International Fashion Pageant, and Dr. James A. DeWeerd, who conducted the Sunday church service. Mrs. Ford was made a Chieftain with the rank and title of "Sagamore of the Wabash" by Governor Brannigan while our guest.

The Young Career Girl named for the year was Rebecca Sue Uhrig of South Bend and Miss Congeniality, Miss Ruth Rnn Ewart of the Keener-DeMotte club.

Another Partners in Progress item was the establishment of a Healing Arts Scholarship by our Lady of the Year, Dr. Souder, in the amount of one thousand dollars. Our National president, Mrs. Ford, observed: "Coming together is a beginning, Working together is progress, Staying together is success."

A great loss to the Federation came with the death of Miss Gertrude Barrett on October 20th, a dedicated and loyal member of the Federation, who served as State President during 1924-1925. Her presence at any meeting lent dignity, ambition and inspiration.

At the close of Virginia's presidency she made this observation: "The year is ended. It was not perfect. We didn't accomplish everything we set out to do, but another year comes and let us again AIM FOR A STAR as we face the problems of the future."

1965-1966

State Officers:

President: Miss Ruth Shanks, Plymouth
First Vice President: Mrs. Flossie Becknell, Evansville
Second Vice President: Mrs. Alice Stratton, Beech Grove
Third Vice President: Mrs. Naomi Heiwig, Seymour
Recording Secretary: Miss Alice Hanley, Logansport
Corresponding Secretary: Miss Dorothy Moore, Plymouth
Treasurer: Mrs. Evelyn Smeltzer, Richmond

At the forty-sixth annual state convention held at French Lick, Ruth Shanks was elected the thirty-ninth state president. With the membership numbering ten thousand in 144 clubs, Ruth openly and defiantly dared the members to make 1965-1966 the greatest year ever experienced in Business and Professional Women's Clubs thus saying YES to the state theme "Plan for Progress, and YES to Youth, Education, and Service." The dare was accepted by the members as evidenced by those who "shined" by attending the National Convention in Washington D.C. Indiana was the only state to have its president, immediate past state president, and its first, second, and third vice presidents as observers at the meeting of the National Board of Directors. Again Indiana was honored by having its first vice president, Mrs. Flossie Becknell, appear on the Monday evening convention program to discuss the Youth Power U.S.A. and the Study Center sponsored by her own Evansville Club. She along with the president of her club received a citation commending their club for its work with the youth of their city. Another honor for Indiana—its Young Career Woman, Becky Sue Uhrig, of South Bend, was one of two young women to address the entire convention body.

She also participated in the Sunday morning devotions program. Another and greater honor for Indiana was the appointment of past state president, Myra Ruth Freed, of Lafayette, as chairman of the National World Affairs Committee.

Immediately following the national convention the International Congress convened. Many international delegates prolonged their visit by visiting a number of states. Indiana was privileged to be one of these, with Michigan City, Sullivan, and Covington clubs entertaining these visitors with teas, receptions, and dinner meetings.

During the fall, Membership Promotion dinners were held at Spring Mill State Park, Mitchell, and at Turkey Run State Park, Rockville. President Ruth and the State Membership Chairman, Naomi Heiwig, went on a three day membership tour through southeastern Indiana and appeared before members of twenty-two different clubs.

The Fall Council-leadership Conference was held at Ball State University with 400 attending. Discussions "On Being a Community Leader" were led by various University Professors to open the conference. The banquet speaker, Dr. Leo Hauptman, registrar of the university, urged his audience to "Be Builders; Be Dynamic; Plan Your Leadership. The future belongs to those who will be able to provide a master's touch in leadership; let your hearts guide your hands."

The Ball State Singers entertained during the dinner. Slides of the Chinese Nurses School in Taiwan and the Ramallah Vocational Girls School in Jordan were shown during the evening.

In January the president with other officers attended the National Legislative Conference in Washington with Senators Margaret Chase Smith and Maurine Neuberger as hostesses. They also attended the Congressional hearings on legislation which the Federation was sponsoring. President Shanks in the February 1966 issue of the Hoosier Business Woman saluted and paid a fine and fitting tribute to Margaret Cooper, a member of the Linton Club, for her nineteen years service as editor of the Indiana Federation's magazine.

The Hoosier Lady of the Year, a past state president, Miss Mary L. Jessee, of Gary and a member of the Board of Trustees of Indiana State University at Terre Haute, was chosen over thirty-four entrants.

The "dare" which the president offered at the beginning of her administration had been accepted. Membership now stood at 10,488 with 150 clubs, six of which (Delphi, Orleans, LaPorte, Rockville, Rochester, and Zionsville) were new clubs. Ten clubs had won National Achievement Awards and 66 of the members held Gold Cards. All of the fourteen districts had earned Equalization Certificates, while a number of the clubs had won more than one of the various awards given by the state.

"This year brought pride and joy to the members of the Indiana Federation by the advancement of one of our past state presidents, Myra Ruth Freed, from National World Affairs Chairman to National second vice president."

During the year many of our members experienced personal grief by the demise of two women who had helped materially in shaping the destinies of our Federation—one, a past state president who served in 1931-1932, Mrs. Adah O. Frost, and the other our beloved Parliamentarian for twenty-five years, Mrs. Melanie Menderson.

The closing and crowning glory of any president's administration is her *own* State Convention. This year was no exception. Seven hundred fifty-five voting delegates, seven hundred forty alternates and fifteen past state presidents were registered. The National representative, Dr. Minnie C. Miles, of Alabama, a past National President (1962-1963), possessor of a number of Degrees from various colleges and universities (including Purdue), charmed and delighted her audiences with her sagacious observations and statements. She proved her conviction that "brains have no sex" by the many Seminars, Boards, and Commissions on which she has served and is now serving. She also is a full professor at the University of Alabama.

The Banquet Speaker, Dr. G. Herbert True, author, lecturer, research psychologist, magician, and teacher carried out his guarantee of "making you think while making you smile." Among other things he urged all women present to give themselves to something so big and so vital that it takes others decades to finish.

President Ruth closed her year with a "Challenge for the Future" in which she said:

"And so we have aimed for a star and kept our sights high

We kept our feet on the ground and our eyes on the sky

And now Yesterday is but a Dream and Tomorrow is a Vision so Let Us Plan for a Changing World and Change and Progress, and take our proper Role in Tomorrow's World."

1966-1967

State Officers:

President: Mrs. Flossie Becknell, Evansville
First Vice President: Mrs. Alice Stratton, Beech Grove
Second Vice President: Mrs. Naomi Heiwig, Seymour
Third Vice President: Mrs. Veragrace French, South Bend
Recording Secretary: Miss Alice Hanley, Logansport
Corresponding Secretary: Mrs. Cornelia Hollis, Evansville
Treasurer: Mrs. Evelyn Smeltzer

The above officers and members were privileged to welcome into the Federation two new clubs, Evansville Metropolitan and Michigan City Career.

The theme for the new year, "Partners in Progress" for "Better Prepared Women for the Future", left no doubt as to the sincerity of purpose as evidenced by more than one hundred fifty Indiana members in attendance at the Atlanta National Convention plus the joy of having one of our past state presidents, Miss Myra Ruth Freed elected second vice president of the National Federation. A great number of our members served admirably in a number of capacities during the convention.

The Leadership and Fall Council meeting was held on the campus of Indiana University in November. Workshops and panel discussions provided practical and workable information. The crowning event was the "Human Motivation" banquet at which time the conference speaker, Everett C. Lindsey proved an unforgettable experience in education, fun and inspiration. Special music at the banquet featured the noted "Singing Hoosiers" of the university.

To the regular agenda for the year was added the formation of Nike and Samo Clubs in Indiana high schools, colleges and universities.

The Personal Development Project, "Hoosier Lady of the Year", was continued and carried through splendidly. The Federation History to be printed and published for its Golden Anniversary in 1968 was emphasized throughout the year. A "first" for the Federation was a State Legislative Conference, to which all Senators and Representatives of the General Assembly then in session, were guests. This was held in January with Mrs. Esther Peterson, Assistant Secretary of Labor, as guest speaker. This project was so well received that many members and guests had to be turned away. The net result being that this event should be repeated each year the General Assembly is in session; although this experiment was featured as a "first," its popularity proved a "must."

Another popular, informative but fun event was the Rockville Covered Bridge Tour in October. A World Affairs atmosphere was added by having a group of overseas people as guests of the Fort Benjamin Harrison Business and Professional Women's Club.

During the year the Federation had the misfortune to lose by death, its first president, Miss Nell Allemong, who served from 1918 to 1919 and Miss Mary G. Cowger who served from 1954-1956.

Marie Carlton, State Executive Secretary, submitted her resignation to be effective at the termination of her contract on May 31, 1967. She served as General Convention Chairman for the State Convention.

"Courage to Act" was the Convention theme. The National Representative for the Convention was Mrs. Mary Lou Koonce.

During the year the first Nike club, Pioneer Providence, had been organized by Helene Jackson and members of the Jeffersonville Club. Membership had increased and the objectives of the Federation fulfilled as shown by the Reports of all Standing Committees, Special Committees, District Directors and Officers. The Hoosier Lady of the Year from Clarksville was Mrs. Erna Atwood.

The World Affairs Breakfast was held with Mrs. Oliver Weerasigne, wife of the Ceylon Ambassador, as Speaker, and the Reverend Robert F. Pollock gave the devotions on Sunday morning. Mr. Phillip Geary as Banquet Speaker, with the delightful Harrison High School handbell choir and ensemble, who furnished the entertainment on Saturday night, made the 1967 State Convention worthy of emulation. The LaOtto club was chartered on May 6.

In evaluating the years work as well as the forty-ninth annual State Convention President Flossie said: "The cooperation shown during the year by the Indiana Federation members was remarkable and gratifying. Many programs and activities were presented and sponsored in our effort to elevate the standards of women and prepare them for future opportunities."

1967-1968

State Officers

President: Mrs. Alice L. Stratton, Beech Grove
President Elect: Mrs. Naomi Heiwig, Seymour
First Vice-President: Mrs. Veragrace French, South Bend
Second Vice-President: Mrs. Emily Martin, Lafayette
Recording Secretary: Mrs. Phyllis Souther, Carmel
Corresponding Secretary: Miss Alma Cripe, Beech Grove
Treasurer: Miss Mary Jane Shepler, Warsaw
Parliamentarian: Miss Virginia Rowland, Bluffton
Member At Large: Miss Hazel Heathman, Indianapolis

Hardly had the president, Alice Stratton, assumed her office until she was invited to speak to the United States Air Force Blue Angel Flight Program, a program honoring women in Service, at Bunker Hill Air Force Base. Later in the year she was again honored by being one of the guest speakers at the 10th Anniversary meeting of the Puerto Rican Federation. This was putting into action the theme chosen by the Board at its first meeting, "Courage to Act". This theme was to be further carried out in many ways during the year.

This administration faced challenges seldom, if ever, faced by prior administrations; namely, re-districting clubs in the State, the publication of the fifty year History, and planning the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Indiana Federation.

The first Club Officer-Chairmen Training Session held in Indiana was conducted by Veragrace French, first vice-president, at the Marott Hotel in Indianapolis on August 27th, 1967. The attendance was limited to four hundred and a number were turned away for lack of accommodations.

Mrs. Donnis Tracy, Brown County club, was employed as State Executive Secretary and began her services on June 1.

Many of our members took advantage of "October's bright blue weather" and attended the Open House of the new State Headquarters in Nashville, Indiana and also the Saturday night banquet which was hostessed by the Brown County Club. Past State Presidents, several clubs and individual members contributed money for the purchase of much furniture for the new State Office.

Many members, including a number of Past State Presidents, attended the National Convention in New York City in July and were overjoyed that Myra Ruth Freed of Lafayette, a Past State President, had been elected First Vice-President of the National Federation. (Later, on September 2, 1967, Myra Ruth became Mrs. Russell Harmon.) Indiana gave one hundred dollars to the National Foundation in honor of their 1919er in attendance at that convention, Miss Tella C. Haines of Sullivan, Indiana.

It is well to mention at this point in our History, that Tella Haines has remained an active member of this Federation giving generously of her time and service. She has served in many capacities; to name a few—State President, Parliamentarian, present member of the Governor's Commission on the Status of Women and our present State Historian. It is only through her untiring effort that the information for this History was compiled, and is now published and in your possession.

Miss Mary L. Jessee, another past State President, was honored in 1967 when she was elected President of the Board of Trustees of Indiana State University.

The Annual Fall Council—Leadership Conference, featuring eight Workshops and outstanding speakers was informative and well attended. The National Federation goal set for membership in Indiana was 11,455. The Newburgh Club, in July 1967, won the Nike award for the first club in the state to stabilize its membership. There were fifty-three Criteria clubs and credit was given for the organizing of one new Club, the LaOtto Club. However, this Club was organized in the 1966-67 Federation year on May 6.

The State President, President Elect, Second Vice-President and Parliamentarian along with representatives from a few of our Clubs attended the Fifth National Legislative Conference in Washington, D. C., February 29—March 1.

With justifiable pride we look back at the foremost achievements of the 1967-1968 Federation year:

Re-districting of all clubs in Indiana thereby making a total of 17 districts instead of the former 14, effective with the 1968-69 year.

The Federation's Fifty Year History was edited, printed and ready for distribution at a cost of $3.50 per volume.

The Indiana Federation nominated Indiana University, Bloomington, and the Merchants National Bank & Trust Company of Indianapolis for National Federation Top Hat Awards, for 1968.

The Clarksville High School Nike Club was chartered on April 8.

Mabel Kidwell, 1963-64 State President, was selected as the 1968 Hoosier Lady of the Year.

The Fiftieth Golden Anniversary Convention in the Murat Temple in Indianapolis, June 7-9 with the theme, "50 Golden Years." Members were housed at the Marott Hotel, used as the Headquarters Hotel, the new Stouffer Motor Inn, and the Essex House Motor Hotel.

Miss Virginia R. Allan, Past National President, from our neighboring state of Michigan, served as our National Representative.

Mrs. Mabel R. McClanahan, National Representative, was the Banquet Speaker.

"Golden Dreams and Golden Deeds" in music and song was presented by the Roann Trio of Roann, Indiana at the Sunday Morning Breakfast.

1919 members, Past State Presidents and 25 year members were afforded special honors.

CLUBS IN THE INDIANA FEDERATION

ALBANY

The desire and ambition of an individual, Ruby M. Hultz, to be a member of a Business and Professional Women's Club, with the assistance of Mrs. Winifred Lawler and Miss Mary Sablon, under the direction of the then District Director, Mrs. Janie Weaver, led this club on January 4, 1954 in formal meeting to receive its charter from the state president, Mrs. Helen Beck. When the club was chartered it had fourteen members but its membership now is thirty-five. Four of the original charter members, Elva McCamish, Nilah Brooking, Eva May Bower and Ruby M. Hultz are active club members.

At Convention time in 1955 this club was one of the few to receive an Achievement Award for a 20% increase in membership.

ALBION

The Albion Business and Professional Women's Club was chartered in the fall of 1957. Members are located in Albion, Kimmell, Brimfield, and Wawaka. Of the twenty-five members chartered ten continue to be active: Mary Austill, Rubye DuBois, Talithia Fiandt, Lova Grate, Maretha Kelham, Madeline Mock, Blanche Roscoe, Geraldine Seymoure, Edith Sipe, and Martha Stanley. The club maintains a membership of thirty.

For many years the club has given scholarships to senior girls to attend trade schools. Toys and clothing are given to needy people at Christmas. Money has been donated to the Youth Center. A Tea is given for the senior girls and their mothers each spring. The club helped to buy equipment for the hospital therapy department of the County Hospital and bought a Stryker bed. Money was donated to the nurse sponsored by the club. The club feels with pride that through their efforts on behalf of the community they have been recognized as a club which stands for service. At the state level an Award has been received for increase in membership.

ALEXANDRIA

In the month of October, 1935, during the administration of Miss Elizabeth Lenfesty of Marion, the Alexandria Club was formed with 35 members from Alexandria and Monroe Township. Five charter members, Mildred (Benefiel) Surber, Rosetta Brown, Hazel Ritter, Katie Cochran Slone, and Edith Hull are still active and seven are deceased.

The club has contributed service and money to a number of civic and community projects, including the Sousa Award for outstanding students in

Music, student loan grant of $200 to a High School graduate each year, donations of money to Public Library and the purchase of War bonds and withholding bonds for construction of high school buildings. The club has also supported foreign students by financial aid and contributed $100 to National Headquarters as well as to Chinese Nurses Home.

While the club has not been honored with either civic trophies or Federation citations, it has won Blue Ribbons at State Conventions. The average membership during the last five years has been fifty-five.

ANDERSON

The Anderson Business and Professional Women's Club was chartered in the spring of 1913. It was actually formed as early as 1909 as indicated in the history of the club. Phoebe Jeffers is the only living charter member, now an honorary member. Mrs. Louise Cherrington, a charter member, now deceased, attended the meeting in St. Louis where the National Federation was formed. There were twelve members on the charter list, but the club now maintains an average membership of one hundred nineteen.

The Anderson Club helped organize and was one of the sponsors of the Y.W.C.A. when it was established in 1916. The club built a two room house for a widow and her two children in 1922. In 1948, the club contributed $500.00 to the Y.W.C.A.'s new building fund. The organization has given the American Youth Foundation Award yearly since 1953. In 1928 the club sponsored a visit from Miss Amelia Earhart for the dedication of the Welch Airport in Anderson and also entertained various other women aviators.

Mrs. Alice Thumma has served on both the National and State Program Committees. Miss Phoebe Jeffers attended one of the first National Conventions where the Federation's pin was designed. Nellie Watson served as District Director 1965-1967. Rotha Cuneo served as the vice-director in 1963-1964. Mrs. Louise Cherrington served as delegate to the International Congress in Stockholm, Sweden in 1954.

The club had a Young Career Woman entrant in 1964-1965, and placed second in the Personal Development contest in 1963-1964 and 1964-1965. The club is very proud that Mrs. Gladys Cornwell received Anderson's Golden Deeds Award in 1963.

ANDERSON-MARY STEWART

Anderson, Frankton, Noblesville, Pendleton, and Summitville are represented in the membership of the Mary Stewart Business and Professional Women's Club. This club which now contains 74 members was chartered on July 12, 1949. Of the 32 members who signed the charter, eight are still active: Lura Bond, Jessie Brown, Bernice Eshelman, Ovah Ashby Graham, Lillian Seipel, Laura Simmons, Lucille Todd, and Imogene Wollens.

The club has sponsored a high school girl to Hoosier Girls' State for the last twelve years, and has cooperated with the Junior Achievement and DECA program each year. The largest contribution to the Community probably is the TEEN CULTURE program that is conducted with the High School students of Anderson. With a student panel and a civic advisory board made up of interested men and women, the Club issues a booklet on ethics and conduct of the teenager called the TEEN GUIDE. This year (1966) the publication is being revised to meet the new thinking of our changing times. During National Business Women's Week in October, club representatives distributed 2.500 copies during convocation periods at the four Anderson High Schools. The club receives front page publicity on this project each year and many complimentary editorials have been received each year in both the Anderson newspapers.

Lura Bond has served as a state officer during the years 1947-1949, and Margaret Abel was Director of District Eight in 1961-1963.

The Mary Stewart Club received special honor at State Convention for their contribution in putting Indiana over the top in meeting its quota for the National Foundation Fund. The club has been honored by receiving the Mayor's special commendation for support of water preservation and the pollution program in Anderson.

ANGOLA

The Angola Business and Professional Women's Club was issued its charter May 22, 1961; the charter was dated at National Headquarters, July 1, 1961. This club draws its membership from Angola only. The average number of members during the last five years has been forty-five. Of the twenty-eight charter members fifteen are active: Helen Blanchard, Juineta Braman Wood, Marion Clark, Helen Healy, Lucille Hughes, Maxine Nelson, Maxine Morse, Pauline Nagel, Erma Nedele, Billy Jo Reese Bright, Lillian Sellgren, Ida Thorp, Mildred Tuttle, Evelyn Wellman, and Martha Wheeler.

In the community, the club organized the Angola Community Theatre. It instigated the local highway safety program, and convinced Indiana State and County Officials that the following safety projects were necessary and they were all adopted: cat-eye markers for the curves leading to the lakes; stop lights at a dangerous intersection where many fatalities had occurred; obtained a lower speed limit on a section of dangerous state highway; promoted the installation of county name road markers; had white lines put on the edge of highways. This club helped organize the first Regional Science Fair held at Tri-State College; helped to get the baseball field lighted for night play; sponsored annual baby-sitting clinic for high school girls; and promoted hospitality week welcoming tourists and Tri-State College students. State government officials were persuaded to promote tourism and industry in Indiana. Also, a recommendation proposed by the club was passed at State Convention for all 144 clubs in Indiana to promote industry and tourist attractions.

The club has made all contributions requested by the State and National Federations. A citation was won from the National Federation for twenty per cent increase in membership. Several citations were received from the State Federation for excellent news and radio and television coverage. The club is proud that members have been asked to participate in all civic projects undertaken in the area and that commendations have been received for the interest and service given to the community.

ATTICA

Although faced with opposition and misunderstanding of the club's objectives and purposes (by the opposite sex), a few determined and dedicated women, Kathryn Rice, Mildred Miller, Lethel Hushburger, Marguerite Smith, Edith Havercamp and Bonnie K. Robertson succeeded in organizing the Attica club with thirty-two members and received its charter dated April 11th, 1938. The club has given much to the town and to the community and manifested its service in community fund drives of all kinds-mental health, hospital assistance and centennial celebration. Recently the club has accepted an invitation from the Town Board to have a representative of the club at meetings of the Board. One of the club members, Edith Havercamp, has served as District chairman of Mental Health. In addition the club has not neglected its financial contribution to the young high school women desiring to complete their high school or college education.

The club has been recognized for Stabilization and Political Awareness. The average membership of the club during the last five years has been twenty-four.

AUBURN

The Auburn Business and Professional Women's Club is composed of members from this community and was chartered in November 1928. Of the twenty-six members on the charter list five are still active: Drusilla Baker, Helen Cool, Carol Dawson, Grenivere Olinger, and Dr. Bonnell Souder. The club maintains an average membership of sixty-four.

The club is well known in the community. An International Float was entered in the Free Fall Fair of Auburn. A flat bed was used on which a six foot world was the focal point. Eight members in costume represented various nations. Students for advanced study have appeared before the club, coming from Holland, Germany, France, Japan, and Italy. For ten years the club has sponsored a girl to Girls' State. For twenty-five years an award has been given to the top high school students in bookkeeping, shorthand, and typing. A room has been furnished in the Dr. Bonnell Souder Hospital and the furniture kept updated. Two years ago a new hospital bed was purchased. For ten years Kathryn Tierney Garten was brought to Auburn to present book reviews to the community.

The Auburn Club has had two State Presidents: Dr. Bonnell Souder and Helen Johnson Kelly. Dr. Souder was also named the first Hoosier Lady of the Year chosen by the State Federation. Indiana is proud of its first Medical Arts Scholarship underwritten by Dr. Souder and a gift to the Federation. Carol Dawson served as State Recording Secretary during the two years of Bessie Thornton's presidency. The club received the Attendance Award when State Convention was held in Wawassee.

AURORA

The Aurora Club in southern Indiana, was chartered in 1951 with twenty-eight members from Lawrenceburg and Aurora; twenty-eight of these members are still active. Recently the club sponsored a Tour of Homes to help in the restoration of Hillforest, an historic mansion of Steamboat Gothic architecture. The club has continually gained in membership with an average attendance of eighty over the past five years.

AVILLA

The Avilla Business and Professional Women's Club was chartered July 31, 1956. Twenty-five members were on the charter list, and twelve of this number are still active: Deloris Brock, Hazel Garman, Olive Gieseking, Orpha Haines, Dorotha Lawshe, Clara McCoy, Marjorie Meyer, Marjorie Miller, Ruth Mueller, Luella Newman, Minnie Pepple, and Nina Rider. The club now maintains a membership of twenty. Membership is drawn from Avilla, LaOtto, and Kendallville.

The club was instrumental in the numbering of the homes and business places in Avilla and in buying and installing street signs for the town. The club paid the entire cost. A canteen was operated for the Red Cross Blood Mobile for eight years. A program and a party for the members of the Senior Class of Avilla High School and their parents has been given each year since the club was organized. A young girl has been sent to Girls' State each year. The club has worked with the other service organizations in the community in raising money and has helped in providing a playground and park area for the young people in Avilla. Whenever any work is to be done for the benefit of the youth of the town this club has lent a helping hand.

BATESVILLE

Batesville Club was organized on May 3, 1953 and has members from Sunman and Oldenburg. Five of the charter members, namely, Hazel Andres, Sophia Bonland, Estella Kaiser, Mary Osterling and Augusta Schein, are still active. Each year the Club has a Tea for the Senior girls, works with local Chamber of Commerce in various civic and community projects, and sends a girl to Girls' State. However, the most outstanding event each year is the Senior Citizens Party, in May, which proves more popular each year; for several years, on the third Sunday in October, the club gives a Party for the citizens of the town, at which time they have a varied program, serve refreshments and provide transportation when necessary. In addition the club has contributed to State Projects; while the club is small, it has received the Jennie Rae Hersch Award and has also been first to equalize and stabilize at different times in the state. Their membership during the last five years has been eighteen.

BEECH GROVE

In May 1945 the Beech Grove Business and Professional Women's Club was chartered with twenty-one members. Abbie Boone, Alma Cripe, Corinne Hull, and Mary Rutledge have continued to be active. Members in this club come not only from Beech Grove, but from Indianapolis, Greenwood, and Wanamaker. The club has grown to an average membership per year of seventy members.

The club believes in making itself known in the community. This is accomplished by participation in the Beech Grove Fall Festival, assisting in the Chest X-Ray program, and the senior girls' youth project.

Alice Stratton has served the State Federation as District Director of District Nine, 1961-1963; Member-at-Large, 1963-1964; State Third Vice-President, State Second Vice-President, State First Vice-President, during succeeding years, 1964-1967; and as State President, 1967-1968. Alma Cripe is serving as State Corresponding Secretary during 1967-1968.

Equalization and Criteria Club Certificates have been awarded the club at State Conventions.

BEDFORD

The Bedford club is one of the older clubs in the state, having been organized on May 27, 1925. Its present membership consists of members from Mitchell, Williams and Tunnelton. Of the 104 charter members, Mrs. C. L. Walters, first president, made many contributions both in service and financial assistance to the club. Two of the charter members, Jane Edwards and Stella Allen, are still active.

This club is a heavy contributor to the Riley Hospital in Indianapolis and organized the "Nine Little Goblins Chapter," to which money is sent each

Christmas. All community projects are subscribed to by the club. The club sponsors "The Story Hour," Youth Summer Program at the Bedford Youth Center, and each year gives an award to the outstanding Senior girl in the Commercial department of its local high school. The club also gives Salvation Army Camperships each year.

In the State Federation the club has been represented by its first president. Mrs. Walters and Miss Clementine Mathis and Lorene Quackenbush as district directors; Mrs. Ben Hitchcock served as State Treasurer, Mrs. Bertha Edwards as assistant treasurer and Viola Stewart as State Secretary. A number of the members have served as Chairman of the Bedford Beautification committee, which sponsored Tin Pan Alley Parade projects. This project, through efforts of the club, won the National award for the cleanest city. Throughout the year this club's membership has been an average of ninety-two.

BLOOMFIELD

In the summer of 1936 gainfully employed women in the town of Bloomfield received from the National Federation a charter enabling them to become one of the 72 local clubs in Indiana. Today their membership includes women from the towns of Newberry, Solsberry, Switz City, and Marco. Ruth Owen, Bertha Crane and Grace Brock are the three active charter members.

Since its organization the Bloomfield club has taken an active part in all civic affairs; they have sponsored Girl Scout Troops, contributed to the community Christmas Lighting Funds, been a member of the Civic and Community Club, and given Scholarships to High School Seniors and the Shawnee Summer Theatre Dramatic School. In addition, it has sponsored highway Safety programs for the High School students, sponsored programs to which guests were invited to hear outstanding speakers and has cooperated with the Lions club, the Jaycees and the Rotary club in any and all programs, projects and activities of a civic nature designed for the betterment of their town. Nor has the club been negligent in service on the state and district levels, having members who have served as district directors, State Recording Secretary, and as members on various State Committees. The club has received Trophies on the State and National level, such as Silver Bowl and Candelabra, Gold Card members and Gold Star Club Nike award. Their average membership during the last five years has been fifty.

BLOOMINGTON

The Bloomington club was organized in 1924. Of the ninety-four charter members, Bertha Ashby, Temple Bradford, Donna Brown, Jessie Burks, Vestie Burks, Lucille Dodds, Edna Hicman and Alma Yeager are still active. The club was hostess for the State Convention in 1934. In the late twenties it had an Employment Agency, the first in the city. Over the years, this club has been a part of every state and national project. It entertains the high school girls in the Commercial department, sponsors girls at Girls' State, made a sizable contribution to the 1937 Flood Relief Fund and owned and operated the Hostess Club House where other clubs were permitted to meet. On the state level, Dean Agnes E. Wells was the eighteenth president; Lottie Kirby served as Member at Large, Mrs. Fannie Weatherwax as corresponding secretary, and later Emblem chairman; Vestie Burks was state historian in the early twenties. The club has to its credit the organization of the Bedford, Spencer, Ellettsville and Washington clubs. Its attendance for the last five years has averaged seventy-five.

BLUFFTON

The members of the Bluffton Business and Professional Women's Club are located in Bluffton, Warren, Uniondale, Markle, Liberty Center, Ossian, Huntington, and Keystone. The club was chartered in August 1956 with forty-eight members. Eighteen of the charter members are active in the club to date: Bernice Anderson, Ola I. Brickley, Mary E. Burkholder, Nova Byrd, Marceille Curry, Madeline Drukemiller Thompson, Lela Dunwiddie, Augusta Eckhart, Marilyn Grose, Helen Harris Huffman, Frieda L. Liby, Ellen Mayne, Ada Miller, Mary L. Mitchell, Catherine Rix, Kathryn E. Schumacher, Agnes Steury, and Rena Soper. The club averages fifty members each year.

In the community the club made the survey for the Wells County Cancer Society, presented a "Woman of the Year" award, holds Civic Night annually, has established a scholarship fund, and has participated in Mental Health projects. A citation was received for outstanding work from the Wells County Cancer Society; and one also for the work done for the Mental Health Society.

Contributions have been made to the Sally Butler International Scholarship Fund and to UNRWA Ramallah Girls' Training Center in Jordan. The club assisted in promoting Tourism in Indiana. Virginia Rowland has served the state in many capacities and has held the offices of Third, Second, and First-Vice President, and President of the Indiana State Federation. Ellen Mayne served as Corresponding Secretary when Virginia was State President, and Marjorie Davis has served as a member of the State Nominating Committee.

BOONVILLE

The Boonville Business and Professional Women's Club, sponsored by the Evansville Club, was chartered March 22, 1956. Members were drawn from the vicinities of Boonville, Evansville, and Morganfield, Kentucky. Of the seventy-eight members chartered, fourteen are still active: Edna Addington, Ethel Barclay, Wandalee Davis, Helen Eizer, Eloise Gemlich, Delta Kirby, Maude Ora Lang, Hallie McCool, Ruth Nelson, Pearl Powell, Madge Pursley, Mildred Richardson, Jeanette Roth, and Josephine Taylor. The club now maintains a membership of fifty-four.

Each year since the club was organized a cash award has been made to an outstanding senior girl. The last three years the club has sponsored sending a child to Crippled Children's Camp. Members take turns acting as chaperones at the Student Youth Center. For several years, prior to 1966, the club was in charge of the Heart Fund drive for the city.

Pictures have been given to all public schools in Boonville, and new signs were erected with the Boonville Business and Professional Women's emblem on them at the east and west entrances to the city. Help has been given to "New Eyes for the Needy, Inc." and a most energetic project was typing blood for the club members and city residents.

Wandalee Davis has served on the State Nominating Committee. Hazel Robinson is presently Director of District Twelve, 1966-1968. The club has made donations to the Ramallah Girls' School, and the Sally Butler Fund. In 1960 the club was awarded the traveling silver bowl trophy at State Convention for its career guidance in the high school. The following year an Award was received at State Convention for the Press Book. A young Career Woman was entered in the March 1965 contest and a Hoosier Woman of the Year was named for two years. The club has received a Membership Stabilization Award, the Membership Equalization Award, the Ring the Bell Award, and a Criteria Club Award for 1965-1966. Boonville is also a Gold Star Club with five Gold Star members.

BRAZIL

Women from Brazil, Staunton, Harmony, Carbon, Knightsville, Centerpoint and Terre Haute comprise the membership of this club. It is one of the older clubs, having been organized in February, 1929. Three of its charter members are now and have been continuously active since the club was organized, namely: Mary Wedel, Nellie Wardlaw and Thelma Patrick. A number of its members have served on the State Board: Hazel Carmichael McDermont. Mary Mercer and Mabel Kidwell. Mabel served as Treasurer, first, second, and third vice president and later, in the year 1963-64, as state president. One of the club's past presidents, Hazel Carmichael McDermont, was the official hostess to the sister of the Ambassador of Brazil, South America at the dedication of the Chafariz Dox Contes (Fountain of Tales) monument erected by the Republic of Brazil as a gift to the city of Brazil, Indiana. During National Business Women's Week the club gained recognition from other civic and service clubs. It received first award from the State for newspaper publicity. It is one of the clubs in the State Federation, situated in a small county seat town, which has been able to hold its membership around sixty-five in competition with sororities and kindred organizations. It has participated to the fullest extent in State and National projects and programs.

BROWN COUNTY

Members of the Brown County Club are located in and around Nashville and Bean Blossom. The club was chartered November 29, 1948 with fifteen members. Those continuing to be active are: Ida Anderson, Mary Bissell, Grethel Gregg, Katherine Hobbs, and Eudora Kelley. The club now maintains an average membership of fifty.

Many projects are undertaken by the club in this community, but five are listed here. The club has written and published its own book, "Tales and Trails of Brown County, Indiana," to tell tourists that visit the area about the history, humor, and folklore of the beautiful hills in southern Indiana. This book is now in its fifth printing. The club cooperates with the local Mental Health Association by sponsoring a child at the New Castle State Hospital. This adopt-a-patient program has been carried on for about ten years by the club. A $200.00 Scholarship is provided annually for a girl graduate of the Brown County High School. This is the only local scholarship given in the community, but students do receive state and national scholarships. The purpose of the club's scholarship is to help a young girl to enter the business or professional world. Since 4-H work is very important in this community, the club helps provide funds for girls to attend the 4-H Girls' State Fair School and the 4-H State Fair Queen contest. The club also sponsors a girl from the junior class at the High School annually to attend the Hoosier Girls' State at Indiana University.

At the state level, Ida Anderson, who served as State President from 1919-1921 from the Indianapolis Club, helped organize the Brown County Club and later transferred her membership to the Nashville Club. Donnis Tracy is serving as State Executive Secretary beginning in June 1967.

Five Federation Awards have been received: in 1950-1951, the National Merit Award for 100% membership continuation from 1949-1950; 1950-1951, Indiana Expansion Award for increase in membership; 1962-1963, Indiana Membership Award for increase in membership; 1963-1964, Indiana Membership Award for equalization of membership; and in 1963-1964, Indiana Membership Award for 25% increase in membership.

BROWNSTOWN

The members of this club are from Brownstown and Vallonia. On the evening of the receipt of its charter, September 20, 1930, ninety guests were present, including its sponsor, Seymour. The guest speaker of the evening was a Bedford member, Mrs. Elmo C. Walters, who was one of the best and most beloved workers in the early days of the Federation. The charter listed twenty-eight members. This club sponsored the first school Safety Program, which resulted in the placing of a traffic guard at the school. It provided night classes in typing for women, holds "Career Day" in the high school, and, in addition, assists in all community drives. Its membership during the most recent years has been twenty.

BUTLER

Out of the twenty five women who were members of this club when it was organized in April or May of 1931, only two are now active, Grace Fry Phelps and Gertrude Worthington. At the present time women from the neighboring town of Waterloo are also members.

The club has conducted two talent shows and assisted in a number of others; has contributed in service and financial aid to American Red Cross, the local hospital, the 100th Anniversary of Butler in 1941, and the 150th Anniversary of Indiana in 1966; and given Scholarship Funds to young Senior High School women and aided the Chinese Nurses Home. One of their members, Grace Phelps, served as District Director in 1947-48. The club over the last five years has had an average membership of forty-two.

CALUMET

The Calumet Business and Professional Women's Club draws its members from Hammond, Hessville Section of Hammond, Highland and Munster. The information concerning the date of the charter is not available. All charter members are either deceased or are not active at present. At least one charter member has transferred. The club now numbers 22.

In the community the club has donated to local fund drives, has taken a very active part in the Cancer Drive, and has donated to the Girl Scouts of the Calumet Council. At the state and national levels the club donates to all funds required. It was a proud day when the District winner for the Young Career Woman of 1966, Miss Hether, was chosen from the entry made by the Calumet Club.

CANNELTON

On or about the 31st of March, 1948, this club was chartered with eighteen members, five still being active—Louise Baker, Gladys Cummings, Mabel Damm, Genevieve Farquhar and Louise Livers. It has been active in fund drives of all kinds over the years; it assisted in the dedication of the new post office and the Schwab Safe Company, purchased United Nation flags for the schools and, made contributions to crippled childrens funds during Cannorama Jubilee. In 1951 and again in 1955 it received Citations from local Jaycees and Schwab Safe Company. It has been able to keep its average membership during the last five years at twenty-three.

CARMEL

In the roster of the Carmel Business and Professional Women's Club members are listed from Carmel, Noblesville, and Indianapolis. This club was chartered with seventy-three members February 24, 1950. Ten have been continuing members since that time: Hazel Applegate, Joanne Brown, Minnie Doane, Mildred Donahue, Doris Hinshaw, Margaret Dinkelaker King, Wilodene Johnson, Inez McClellan, Edna Mae Ottinger, and Rachael Thornberry. The club maintains an average membership of fifty.

Outstanding civic projects include a Civic Night Dinner, the Christmas Lighting Contest, a Tea for Senior Girls, the Community Blood Bank, and the Safety Committee Program.

The club had one Gold Card member for two years, was a Gold Star Club in 1966, received the Nike Trophy in 1966, and has received an Equalization Award, and a Criteria Club Award. In 1966 an alternate Young Career Women was entered in the contest. The Annual Jaycee Award for outstanding citizenship was received by a past president of the club, Hilda Wilson, in 1965.

Three members have served the state as District Directors: Minnie Doane, Phyllis Souther, and Mildred Donahue. Phyllis is serving during 1967-1968 as State Recording Secretary. Minnie Doane has served on the State Nominating Committee, and was on the State Finance Committee in 1957-58 and Chairman of the Finance Committee, 1958-59. Mildred Donahue served as State Chairman of World Affairs during 1966-1967.

CEDAR LAKE

On March 9, 1949 this Club was given a charter which listed the names of twelve women from the towns of Cedar Lake and Crown Point; out of this number only two, Florence Wahlberge and Adela Humpfers, are now and have been continuously active. Each year from their Scholarship Helping Fund, financial aid is given to a local young woman interested in continuing her studies in one of the professions or in business. The club won a membership certificate in 1964 and won the Trophy from their Float entered in their Community Parade on July 4, 1966. Their average membership over the last five years has been thirty.

CHANDLER

The Chandler Business and Professional Women's Club was chartered February 1, 1958 and since then has maintained an average membership of sixteen. Charter members who are still active are: Nellie Akers, Ernestine Bradshaw, Doloros Forston, Bettye McKain, Betty S. Shackelford, Gertie Wargel, and Betty Woolsey.

The club has bought a flag pole for the school, built rest rooms for the city park, purchased books for the school and public libraries, helped financially to rehabilitate an under-privileged girl, and furnished the newspaper for a ward at the State Hospital.

The club has won the State Jennie Rae Hersch trophy.

CHARLESTOWN

On March 10, 1947, this Club was chartered with twelve members from Charlestown, Jeffersonville and Marysville; one Charter member Mrs. Margaret Goodman is active at this time.

In addition to carrying out the program and projects as directed by our State and National Federations, this Club has enjoyed excellent recognition in the community by participating in the yearly Raffle of Easter Bonnet with proceeds going to New Hope School for retarded children, by furnishing milk to these retarded children, giving scholarships to senior girls, furnishing tags with blood type information to some of the townships and by co-sponsoring the Hi Neighbor Dinner with the Kentucky Business and Professional Women. One of their members has served on the State Nominating Committee and during the Sesquicentennial received a citation for sponsoring the Queen. This club is one of the few in the state which has kept its attendance record of the last five years equal to that at the time it was chartered.

CHESTERTON-PORTER

This club was chartered in January of 1948 with twenty-two members, four of which are still active: Margaret Larson, Elsie Nickel, Mabel Sparling and Collette Wiseman Sievert.

Listed among the civic and community projects are New Eyes for the Needy, support of UNICEF, equipped library in special education rooms in public and parochial schools, gifts to Porter County Home and Dr. Beatty hospital, fifteen educational loan funds as well as a number of other projects on State and National level. It was given an Equalization Certificate in 1966 and their average membership over the past five years has been twenty-eight.

CHURUBUSCO

The Churubusco Business and Professional Women's Club was chartered on October 12, 1960. Members are located in Churubusco, LaOtto, and Fort Wayne. Of the nineteen members who signed the charter, eleven continue to be active: Joy Barnhart, Pauline Clingerman, Fannie Fry, Lenora Geiger, Lois Gordon, Lois Harrold, Irene Houts, Mina Isay, Gladys Johnson, Nedra Krider, and Alta Mayberry. The club now maintains a membership of forty-five.

The civic and community projects have consisted of a local student scholarship fund in honor of the charter president. This scholarship is presented at the annual entertainment of all the Churubusco High School senior girls along with the naming of the girl sponsored to Girls' State. The club had a share in "Project Dare" which is the redevelopment project of Churubusco. The club helped during "Turtle Days," a community project to raise funds to develop and maintain a new park. At Christmas each year names of older people in and about town who have no families are obtained and they are remembered with gifts and visits from members. Books have been given to the library and this plan is to be enlarged as progress is made toward a new library. Contributions have been made to the Whitley County Opportunity School, Johnny Appleseed School for retarded children in Fort Wayne and Allen County and the Chain of Lakes Boy's Rehabilitation Camp in Noble County. A Piggy-Bank Scholarship fund is used for foreign students.

The club is proud of its two Gold Card members, and the Achievement Awards which have been won.

CLARKSVILLE

Women from Clarksville and Jeffersonville organized, on April 9, 1951, the Clarksville club. It originally had twenty-four members, four being active now. Since its organization it has been an integral part of the community. This is evidenced by the Citations it has received from the Town Board and the Optimists and Kiwanis clubs. Its contributions in the educational field have been many—honoring all high school A Students with a banquet to which the parents are invited, by presentation of gifts and medals, a scholarship fund of three hundred fifty dollars, and a number of musical awards, including the John Philip Sousa award to the outstanding band member and an award to the outstanding or best girl singer. The production of the Musical Cross Roads Players, written and directed by this club and the local men's clubs, from which $2500 was presented to promote Tourism to their city is another contribution of this club. Still others are—called attention to the million-years-old fossil beds at the "Falls of the Ohio," it sent a girl to Girls State, sponsored Christmas Decoration contest, contributed to Silver Crest hospital, gave three hundred pairs of glases towards "Eye for the Needy," sponsored teen age and adult square dance classes, purchased equipment for Rehabilitation Center, and constributed to their local hospital. The club has always had a Young Career Woman entrant. This year was especially significant for them as one of their most beloved and outstanding members, Mrs. Erna Atwood, was chosen The Hoosier Lady of the Year. The club, by its outstanding civic and community participation coupled with excellent programs through the years, has held its average membership at fifty-five.

CLINTON

This club was organized in June of 1922. Today eight of its charter members are active, namely: Rose Faraco, Bertha Foltz, Ethel Groffotjs, Mollie Marshall, Esther Nolan, Faith Shannon, Edna Wasseman and Marie Ferguson Thompson. Other members are from Dana, Hillsdale, Newport, St. Bernice, Montezuma, and Rockville.

Its civic and community Projects include the sponsoring of a Blood Bank, participating in Civil Defense, and involvement in the "Lift" City Program and Columbus Day activities in which first place was won in the Parade. This club is also involved in many other community and civic actitvities.

Marie Ferguson Thompson was state president 1936-37, Esther Nolan was state Corresponding Secretary, and Gladys Heaton was state recording secretary and Emblem Chairman. Their membership has been sixty for the last five years.

COLUMBIA CITY

This club was chartered on June 18, 1930 with forty-four members, three of whom are still active, namely: Chloe Mowrey, Hazel Allen and Mayme Betts. At the present time they have members from South Whitley and Larwill. The club donates $100 to the Christmas Community Fund, $500 to their Opportunity School, and the members participate in the annual Rural Urban Banquet. The club's programs are varied, following when possible and practicable the State and National programs. Out of a membership of seventy the club has a 50% attendance.

COLUMBUS

The Columbus club has members from Hartsville, Edinburg, Medora, Indianapolis, and Hope. Its charter is dated July 8, 1925, and has listed fifty-six names of which eight still are active.

The club has gained recognition in a number of ways through community and civic participation. It promoted and organized the Girl Scouts and built a cabin at Youth Camp; it sends a girl to Girls State each year and helps out High School girls through its educational Fund; it also promoted the local Boys club; in cooperation with the Chamber of Commerce it assisted in the following: Smoke Abatement Program, Park Program, Yard & Garden Contest, Fall Festival, Muscatatuck School and the local Retarded Children Program. Its contributions in time and money to Red Cross, National Defense, Local U. S. O. and other kindred Activities cannot be measured. The club received from the Chamber of Commerce a Citation for World War II work and Foundation for Youth Activities. In all projects on the State and National level it was never lacking in financial help. It furnished to the state Federation a State Treasurer, three District Directors and a number of State Committee Chairmen. Membership has averaged 150 during the last five years.

CONNERSVILLE

The Connersville Club was chartered in April of 1923 with thirty-three members. The charter members still active are Ruth Lenglade Jontz, Pearl Sample Wanley, Gladys Riddle Murphy and Helen Riddle Wagner.

One of their first community projects was the purchase of a machine for the local hospital for administering anaesthetics; later, they furnished a room at the hospital. The club installed Trash Containers in downtown streets and sold advertising on such Containers, from which they added to their Scholarship Fund. For more than forty years they have given annual Awards to High School Seniors. They also sponsor an Antique Show, which has proven helpful financially. Their programs follow those as outlined by State and National and their membership for the last five years has been an average of sixty-five.

The club has had a vice president of the State Federation and Chairmen of Nominating and Membership Committees.

CORYDON

This club has members from Corydon, Central Barrew, and Palmyra and was organized in 1947, along with a number of other clubs that year.

The club has a Scholarship Fund, it has won several First prizes for Floats during community Activities and a number of its members have served as state chairmen. Their average membership for the last five years is thirty.

COVINGTON

The Covington Business and Professional Women's Club draws its members from Covington, Kingman, Veedersburg, Crawfordsville, Cayuga, Danville, Illinois, and Georgetown, Illinois. The club was sponsored by the Attica Club in March 1940. Six charter members are still active: Mrs. Cecil Harden, Mrs. Dora Hirshbiel, Mrs. Ruth Koebler, Miss Nell Norris, Mrs. Verna Glascock Shelton, and Mrs. Sarah Young. Fifty women attended the charter dinner, the first president being Mrs. Ruth Mayor. At this meeting the invocation was sung by Mrs. Lucille Mitchell, Mrs. Verna Shelton, Miss Madeline Snoddy, and Miss Hester Kay, accompanied by Mrs. Lyle Hegg. Sally Butler, State President, and Bonnie Robertson, State Membership Chairman, attended. Miss Marjorie Fiske from New York City spoke on "Forceful Membership Power." The club maintains an average membership of fifty-two.

The club has given American flags containing 50 stars to all grade school rooms and one large one to the high school. A donation over a period of three years was made to the Williamsport Hospital. Entertainment and presents are given each year to the County Home and Christmas baskets to the poor. Donations were made to the Tuberculosis Association so the county nurse could give her tests to the school children. The club was responsible for securing a flasher light at Maple corner; band uniforms have been bought; donations made for the swimming pool, boy scouts, and girl scouts; and a stand has been sponsored at Fourth of July Celebrations, half of the proceeds being given to the fund. A bronze plaque was presented to the Continental Library in honor of Senator Voorhees, who had worked twenty years to get the library built. Representative Cecil Harden worked on this and a bus load went to Washington for the dedication.

The club has supported a Belgian boy war orphan, donated to the nurses home in Formosa, helped a girl in Ramallah, Jordan, been active in the education of exchange students, one from the Phillipines, one from Hungary, helped save the Shades Park, and sold war bonds.

Every year the club holds a bosses and guest night dinner, bringing interesting speakers and lecturers, such as Mrs. Bussio, international member of BPW from Capetown, South Africa. The Hammond International Dancers entertained at one such meeting.

The club has taken an active part in the Status of Women project, the Young Career Girl and Hoosier Lady of the Year projects. The Representative and Senator from the area and Mayor Marr were presented with "See Indiana First" license plates.

The club celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary in 1965 when it was hostess to District Four's Spring Meeting at Turkey Run Inn. Miss Hester Kay was Director of the District in 1948-1949 and with her help the club organized the Veedersburg Club. Delegates have been sent to State and National Legislative Conferences, the National Leadership Conference, and State and National Conventions.

At Terre Haute, the club won ten dollars for the highest attendance at District Meeting. A traveling award for attendance was won at the State Convention in 1963, and the Nike Award in 1965.

CRAWFORDSVILLE

This club now has members from Richmond, Veedersburg, Kingman, Ladoga, Waynetown, New Market, Waveland, and Darlington. It is one of the original member clubs of the State Federation, having been organized in 1920, but did not receive its charter until January of 1924; of the charter members, Stella Clodfelter, Laurel Kirtley and Caroline Stevenson and Ruth Goff are still active. Its members have always been active and their attendance high at both our State and National Conventions. It has the organization of the Bloomington club to its credit. Also to its credit in community affairs, it furnished a room at Culver Memorial Hospital (with name plate on door), placed State flags in all of their schools, assisted in Drive for Community Swimming Pool, and helped to purchase forty-two ambulances during the War. It has had a Young Career Woman entry each year and has been honored with Citations and Trophies on Membership, Personal Development and Civic Participation. In addition, the club has had members who have served in almost every capacity of the Federation, other than that of President. It is one of the largest clubs in the State Federation and during the last five years has had an average membership of one hundred and thirty-five.

CROWN POINT

The Crown Point club was organized on April 22, 1935, with thirty-five members and, of these charter members, Ellie Frey and Ella Massoth are now active.

Throughout the years this club has made donations in money and services to a number of worthwhile causes, including Red Cross and other kindred causes. It is recognized for its leadership in getting telegraph reception, proper lighting and open station for train stop, posting of bus schedules, first mosquito fogging, which was later adopted by the city, and "prodding" the city council into action about garbage disposal.

Some of its members have served the State as Committee Chairmen and this club is one of the three to furnish an Executive Secretary, Edith Scales, to the Federation. It has won membership citations, has had a Young Career Woman entry and has been fortunate in keeping its average membership over the last five years at around twenty-five.

CUMBERLAND

The Cumberland Business and Professional Women's Club was chartered in March 1946 with fourteen members. Two of these members are still active in the club: Nellie Boyd and Fannie Ostermeyer. Membership is composed of women from Cumberland, New Palestine, and Indianapolis.

For several years the club sponsored the Halloween festivities for the community, supervising the Window Painting contests and the masquerade party which was concluded with a wiener roast. For a number of years a World Affairs Time has been held with Allied Officers from Fort Harrison as guests. Clubs in the District are invited.

The club has contributed to the National Headquarters Building Fund, the Ruth Lewman Scholarship Fund, and the Chinese Nurses' Home project.

Hazel Heathman served two years as Director of District Nine, and in 1967-68 as State Member-at-Large. The Jenny Rae Hersch award was won two consecutive years. The club maintains a membership of twenty-five.

DECATUR

The Decatur Business and Professional Women's Club was chartered May 12, 1937. The club was sponsored by the Fort Wayne Club and Marian Ingham, past state president, was the installing officer. There were twenty-six who signed the charter list, two of whom are still active in the club: Matilda Sellemeyer, who was the first president, and Luella Ellsworth. The club now maintains an average membership of forty members.

During Fire Prevention Week the club helps in the painting of store windows. A bicycle check has been provided for the community. Funds are donated for the School Band, and civic music tickets are provided for students. A lamp was furnished for the Adams County Memorial Hospital nurses' lounge. In October 1966 the club was co-hostess with the Bluffton Club for the Inter-city Meeting.

Serving the state have been Joan Wemhoff who was District Director when Decatur was in the district with Fort Wayne, and Mary Howard, who served as Director of District Five during 1965-67. Members of the Decatur Club served as pages for the State Convention in 1965 in Fort Wayne. Mary Howard has also served on the Election's Committee during three State Conventions.

In 1960 Decatur received the awards for their bulletin and the attendance award. In 1961, three awards were received, the Adah Frost Award, a twenty-five dollar check for the club project, and the Ring the Bell Award. Taya Erickson was the district winner of the Young Career Women for 1966.

DELPHI

The Delphi Business and Professional Women's Club was chartered January 24, 1966. Naomi Heiwig, as State Membership Chairman, Ruth Shanks, State President, and Flossie Becknell, State First Vice-President were the installing officers. Charter members include: Jessie Ashba, Ethel Benner, Nada Coghill, Florence Cope, Ethel Cunningham, Sandra Harrison, Dorothy Heiland, Ruth Howell, Bette Janz, Lena Jones, Dorothy Kinworthy, Ruth Kirkpatrick, Meridith Mathews, Eveleen Phillips, Martha Popejoy, Betty Powell, Elva E. Randle, Lulu Belle Sacha, Beulah Schweiger, Mary Shaffer, Gertrude Sheets, Fannie Simons, Donna Simmons, Dorothy Smith, Mary C. Ward, Dorothy Waymire, Mary Wolverton, and Janis Zook. These twenty-eight members have been in the State Federation for less than a year at this writing, but their civic responsibilities have already begun: working in the Safety Program for Delphi and helping with the Heart Drive. The statement was made on the questionnaire submitted that they hope to make contributions in service in the future.

DUNKIRK

On April 16, 1936, the Dnukirk Club was chartered with thirteen members, three of whom are still active, namely: Doris (Gibson) Roderick, Helan Maley and Evelyn Shroyer.

The community and civic projects in which the club participates are a Youth Center with a paid attendant, Girls State, a hundred dollar scholarship to a senior girl, and the County Heart Drive.

Mrs. Janie Weaver was State President 1958-59. Doris Roderick and Edith Gaunt have served as Chairmen of State Nominating Committee. Edith Gaunt has also served as District Director and Member at Large. The Club for the last ten years received a citation for their work in the County Heart Fund Drive. The Club, although it had a small beginning, has increased in membership and during the last five years their average membership has been thirty.

EAST CHICAGO

Members from a wide area comprise the East Chicago Business and Professional Women's Club: East Chicago, Gary, Griffith, Hammond, Highland, Valparaiso, Punto Gordo, Florida, Grand Beach, Michigan, and Lakeside, Michigan. The club was chartered in April 1948. Eighty-one members signed the charter. Thirteen members have continued: Charlotte Arnold, Pearl Bell, Alma Bellak, Olive Boyd, Kay Havran, Mary Jewell, Juanita King, Isma Schwendemann, Margaret Vitkus, Ethel Wall, Rhea Weaver, Geneva Williams, and Eleanor Zietlow.

The club is responsible for starting the Mosquito Abatement Program in East Chicago. Work has been done on the city beautification program. Time and money have been contributed on T.V. Channel 11. Scholarships have been given and a Tea held for senior girls.

The average membership of thirty-two has been responsible for contributions of money to National Federation projects, and at the state level the club has received a Stabilization Award.

ELKHART

July 13, 1920 was the charter date of the Elkhart Business and Professional Women's Club. Two of the eleven members listed on the charter are still active: Alice Dinehart, and Katherine Rogers. The club now maintains an average membership of one hundred twenty-five. Members are located not only in Elkhart, but in Wakarusa, Mishawaka, Bristol, Greenwood, Indianapolis, Austin, Texas, and Camarille, California.

The club takes pride in its participation in Civic and Community projects. Each year a contribution is made to the Community Good Will Ambassador Fund and a scholarship of two-hundred dollars is given to a worthy senior girl graduate. Contributions to other charity groups include the Crippled Children's Fund, the Cancer Society, and the Heart Fund. National Business Women's Week is publicized by wearing green and gold name cards. The Mayor was requested to issue a Proclamation the week of October 16-22, 1966, as National Business and Professional Women's Week. The Proclamation was accompanied by a photograph in the local newspaper of the Mayor and the President of the Club.

Three former presidents have served on the state nominating committee: Mabel Stewart, Ivy Kennedy, and Frances Meiser. Lena Ault served as District Director, 1952-54. Mabel Stewart also served as District Director.

In 1967 the club chose a Young Career Woman. In 1964-1965 the club received the Jennie Rae Hersch Award; in 1965-1966 the Member Equalization Award and was a Gold Star Club; in 1965-1966, the Criteria Award.

ELLETTSVILLE

The Ellettsville Business and Professional Women's Club contains members from Ellettsville and Bloomington. It was chartered January 17, 1954. Members on the charter list who are still active include: Mrs. Harriett Draper, Mrs. Martha Gillespie, Miss Dorothy Heady, and Mrs. Beatrice Overstreet. The club now has a membership of twenty-five, though there are years when the membership has been greater.

The club has made a place for itself in the community. Contributions and donations are made to the Band Fund, the Fire Department, the City Park Shelter House, the Log Cabin, and Memorial Park. A Fall Festival Float is entered each year. The last float used the theme, "Business Women of the Years." It was white with green and gold B.P.W. letters on each side. Represented were Annie Oakley, Betsy Ross holding a large American flag made of red, white, and blue crepe paper, Priscilla Alden at the spinning wheel, Florence Nightingale holding a lighted lamp, Carrie Nation for Women's Rights, and Pocahontas. Women in representative dresses rode on the float. The club also holds a May Breakfast for senior high school girls and fees are provided to send a high school junior to Girls' State.

At Christmas in 1966, nineteen dollars was sent to the National Federation Foundation. In 1955 a citation was received from the state for 25% increase in membership, and the club equalized in 1965-1966.

ELWOOD

This club was organized in January, 1945 with fourteen members from the towns of Elwood, Tipton and Anderson. Four of the charter members, Agnes Cook, Mae Clary, Mable Little and Vivian Fleming are still active.

It has given scholarships to nurses, Teas for members and their mothers and assisted in Youth activities in the community. In 1966 it won an Equalization award. The club has grown in membership and during the last five years has had an average membership of twenty-five.

EVANSVILLE

The Evansville Business and Professional Women's Club is composed of members from Evansville, Oakland City, Warren, and Indianapolis. The charter was issued May 18, 1929, and held open until September 9, 1929. At a dinner meeting in the McCurdy Hotel thirty-three members signed the charter. Of this number, three are still active: Etta Davis, Grace Walker, and Cora Wehrley. Grace Walker is an honorary member who now resides at Warren, Indiana. During the last five years the club has maintained an average membership of two hundred five.

This club has meant much to the community. In connection with the Mayor's Human Relations Commission it has helped sponsor Study Centers for students, grades one through twelve and some college students. In 1966 six such centers were operating. The Civic Participation Committee chairs this project and tries to get as many members as possible to assist. It takes many to staff these centers and hard work to keep the program running smoothly. Some of the members are tutors and supervisors, and some do clerical work in keeping the necessary records.

For the past several years the club has sponsored a Youth Power Conference. About one hundred juniors and seniors from all Evansville high Schools are selected by the school counselors and the pupils are invited to a one-day Conference. The program consists of a panel discussion, buzz session, speaker, and a short educational movie. The students seem to like the buzz sessions and it is surprising how much information they absorb and report back. The Conference is held at Evansville College, starts early on a Saturday morning (because more of the club members are available to participate), lunch is served and the session is usually over about 2:00 P.M.

Once a month a group visits Evansville State Hospital (Mental) and holds a party for a ward of women. Refreshments are served and entertainment is provided. Sometimes there are guests to entertain them and at other times games are played with the idea of having patient participation. When games are used the patients are awarded prizes.

In the spring the club gives a card party for the benefit of Mental Health. The benefits from the party pay the expense of the ward parties and also assist in giving a one week vacation to approximately one hundred men and women State Hospital patients at Lincoln State Park. The patients look forward to this vacation and the hospital has assured the club that it is excellent therapy for the patients. The card party gives each member an opportunity to work for a very worthwhile cause.

The club has scholarship funds and at present has two outstanding loans. The projects are varied, require many hands to do the tasks and there is a wonderful spirit of cooperation. The retired members are quite regular in attendance and very active in the projects. The club is proud that they retain their memberships.

In the service at the state level, the Evansville Club has made an unusual contribution, having had three State Presidents. Grace Schoenbaechler was State President, 1947-1948, District Director for two years, Second State Vice-President for two years, and First State Vice-President for one year. She served as State Parliamentarian when Bessie Thornton was State President. Ellen McCutchan was State President, 1959-1960. Ellen was also District Director for two years, Second State Vice-President for one year, First State Vice-President for one year, and State Recording Secretary for two years. Flossie Becknell served as State President 1966-1967. Before this time she served one year each as Third, Second, and First Vice-President of the State Federation, World Affairs Chairman for one year, International Relations Chairman for two years, National Security Chairman one year, Chairman of the Ruth Lewman Scholarship Fund for two years, and State Chairman of Young Career Women for one year. Marion Eldridge and Margaret Lewis have each served two years as District Directors. Margaret Lewis served on the State Nominating Committee for two years and Ellen McCutchan was Chairman of the State Nominating Committee for one year. Edna Noelle, Cornelia Hollis and Marie L. Adams have each served at the state level as Corresponding Secretary.

The club has responded to a greater or lesser degree when called upon for a monetary contribution both at the state and national levels.

In 1964-1965 Carol Peckenbaugh, a member, was the Young Career Woman representing District Twelve. In 1965-1966 Marilyn Owen, whose mother, Meryam Schaaf, is a member of the club, was the Young Career Girl representing District Twelve. Marilyn won at State and represented Indiana at the National Convention held in Atlanta, Georgia, July 1966.

In 1965 the club received a Criteria Club award. In February 1965 a certificate was received in appreciation for outstanding service to the Public Recreation Commission. A Certificate of Appreciation was presented to the Club for outstanding support to the Vanderburgh County Association for Mental Health and the Mentally Ill. This was awarded in 1963. A letter of commendation was received in 1957 from Governor Handley for merit in giving outstanding support to the promotion of the Lincoln Sesquicentennial program. No doubt over the years many more awards have been presented because the club has always been very active in all civic affairs. The awards mentioned are just from the later years.

EVANSVILLE-CAREER WOMEN

The Evansville-Career Women's Business and Professional Women's Club was chartered in February 1958 and since that time has maintained an average membership of 25. Charter members presently active are: Ruth Ashley, Kathryn Emig, LaVerne Jourdan, Ethyl Peters, and Joan Cox Ginn.

The club has sponsored a recreation program for the Handicapped Adults in the Evansville area. To date the club has contributed to all fund drives both state and national in the Federation.

The club received the state award for its Community Project in 1961, and the Jennie Rae Hersch Award in 1962. The club has received an award from the Chamber of Commerce for Community Service.

On March 16, 1959, the first Recreation Program for Handicapped Adults was held in the Goodwill Building. The members personally contacted over 200 people that had been physically handicapped in some way. Names were procured from the Public Health Nurses Association, the Rehabilitation Center, and through newspaper articles. Since that first meeting at which 125 attended, the club has held a party on the second Monday night of each month with an average attendance of 75. Many of those who attend never leave their homes except for this monthly event. Transportation is supplied for over sixty per cent of the people. Every crippling and disabling disease is represented. The club does not try to cope with the retarded as the members are not trained in that phase of work. Music, games, contests, movies, food, soft drinks, picnics, Christmas parties, Easter egg hunts, scavenger trips, an Italian dinner, a Western party, a south of the Border Party, entertainment from dancers, singers, magicians, square dancers, barbershop harmony groups, choirs, civic theater groups, pianists, and above all friendliness has characterized these meetings.

EVANSVILLE METROPOLITAN

The Evansville Metropolitan Business and Professional Women's Club is the fourth club to be organized in the city. It was chartered on August 10, 1966 under the direction of Miss Maxine Rich who had been working on this during her term as Director of District Twelve. Mrs. Flossie Becknell, State President, performed the installation of new officers ceremony and presented the charter. Twelve members were initiated: Helen Baker, Mary Alice Compton, Irene Cox, Fay Goebel, Neva Grimwood, Emily Hinkle, Maxine Rich (who transferred from the Evansville Career Women's Club,) Esther Small, Elaine Smidt, Imogene Sue, Jane Walden, and Judy Woodward.

Though the club is new, it has begun its work for the community. Various month old magazines are distributed to hospitals, nursing homes, and the sanitarium. A Scholarship has been started for a senior high school girl.

Contributions have been made to the Ramallah Girls' School in Jordan and the National Federation Foundation. Maxine Rich, president of the new club, served two years as District Director, 1964-1966, and on the State Nominating Committee, 1966-1967.

EVANSVILLE ROTARY

This club is one of the earliest in the Indiana Federation. To it goes the honor of having the first elected state vice president, M. Edythe Wells. It was an active club before either the State or National Federation was formed. Although no longer active, one of its charter members, Dr. Anna Cluthe, is still living in Evansville. Many civic and community projects have been undertaken and successfully completed by this club. It has cooperated fully with the local Chamber of Commerce in City Beautification and has assisted financially and made possible the completion of the training of young women in professions. In addition it has contributed substantially to the Training Center for the Handicapped. It has recognized honor students in high school by Scholarship Awards. No State or National project has been neglected; a number of its members have served on the State Board. It is one of the largest and most active clubs in southern Indiana. Its membership during the last five years has averaged around seventy.

FORT HARRISON

The Fort Harrison Business and Professional Women's Club is unique in that it is contained completely within the employees working at Fort Benjamin Harrison. It was chartered in October 1954. Its members live in Acton, Edinburg, Fishers, Indianapolis, Lawrence, New Palestine, Noblesville, and Shelbyville. Twenty-eight members were named on the charter list, one of which is still active: Helen Hergenrader. Th club maintains an average membership of 45.

The club has given financial assistance to a young woman in nurse's training, assisted a blind girl who was studying music, and distributed hundreds of litter bags. It has also entertained Allied Officers from Fort Harrison on shopping trips, to the Medical Center, on the Rockville tour, entertained them extensively in members' homes; and at annual luncheons given in the Officers' Headquarters. The achievement of a high school girl has been recognized with the presentation of a United Savings Bond.

At the state level, Irma Delto served as State Chairman of the Personal Development Committee. The club has contributed to UNRWA, the Ramallah Girls' School in Jordan, and to the Chinese Nurses' Home.

Twice the club received recognition for its club publication, Petticoat Palaver, and a Young Career Woman was sponsored at the District level.

FORTVILLE

On April 14, 1931 this club received its charter. Only one of the charter members is now active. This club has a scholarship fund, makes an Award to a Senior girl and sponsors a girl to Girls State. On the state level, some of its members have served on the State Board.

FORT WAYNE

The club was organized during the year 1923-1924, with one hundred twenty-one members, twelve being still active. It has been hostess to two state conventions — one in 1931 and the other in 1965. It is one of the two clubs in the Federation that has enriched the State Federation by having three or more State Presidents; these three are Marian Ingham, Rosza O. Tonkel and Susannah Fonner Witte. Marian Ingham was a member of the Committee that gathered the material and published Part I of the present State History. In addition, it has had three District Directors plus a number of its members serving on various state committees. The club furnished hostesses for the National Convention in Detroit and has to its credit the organization of the Kendalville club. Among the citations and trophies to be enumerated are Membership and Gold Card, Equalization, Scrap Book, Nike and Public Relations Awards.

FRANCISCO

The Francisco Business and Professional Women's Club was chartered July 23, 1954 with nineteen members. Of these, six are active in the club: Maxine Ayers, Gweneth Beasley, Fannie Collins, Hollis Keneipp, Olive Maxam, and Mary Lou Wallace. At present there are fourteen active members.

The club has been active in the community. A well and pump have been installed at the I. O. O. F. cemetery. Kitchen cabinets were installed at the Lions' Clubhouse. Six flags containing fifty stars were purchased for Francisco's elementary school. Street signs were sponsored and purchased for the town of Francisco.

Money has been contributed to the National Federation Foundation. Bessie Farmer served the State Federation as District Director of District Twelve from 1959-1961, and was the member representing the district on the State Nominating Committee for 1961-1962.

The club has been active in the community. A well and pump have different years, the Adah Frost trophy on two occasions, and attendance and stabilization awards.

FRANKFORT

In September 1919, the Frankfort Business and Professional Women's Club was formed, composed of women from Frankfort and vicinity. Of the sixteen charter members, all are deceased except Mrs. J. B. Derrick. Mrs. Derrick is no longer active and resides at Wesley Manor. The club now has a membership of one hundred.

The club gives a one hundred dollar scholarship to a senior girl in high school based on scholastic standing, the scholarship being rotated in a different department each year. A Woman of the Year is chosen, based on recommendations from nominating clubs or individuals. This program has been in existence for ten years—1957 to 1967. The club furnished a room in the Clinton County Hospital. A donation of fifty dollars for trees in the park and playground equipment were given. The club sponsored placing a log cabin in the park and shared in beautifying Prairie Creek in Frankfort. Senior high school girls are entertained at a tea, and a high school girl was aided with clothing, books, and dental work. Each member donated a book to the Public Library and the National Business Woman was given as a subscription. A Certificate of Award from the Clinton County Retarded Children, Inc., was received in recognition of one hundred dollars donated by the club. The TV Award was received from the State Federation.

The club has made financial donations to the Lena Madesin Phillips and Adah Frost Memorials; the Sally Butler International Scholarship Fund; the Chinese Nurses' Home; the Ruth Lewman Scholarship Fund; the National Business and Professional Women's Headquarters in Washington, D.C. At the state level, Ruby Bratton served as Chairman of Public Relations, 1963-64 and Chairman of the State Nominating Committee, 1966-1967.

FRANKLIN

The Franklin Business and Professional Women's Club chartered February 13, 1919 and re-chartered in 1939 maintains an average membership of one hundred to one hundred twenty-five. Members are located in Franklin, Hagerstown, Morgantown, New Whiteland, Whiteland, and Trafalgar. Of the twenty-three members on the charter list, four are still active: Pauline Harrison, Lena Alexander Hasch, Mabel Orr, and Maude Vandagriff.

The club contributes much to civic and community projects. Service is given to Civic Committees and the Chamber of Commerce. Members assist with various drives, local, state, and national. A room was furnished for the Hospital Guild. A girl is sponsored to Girls' State. A contribution is made to the Johnson County Home. A yearly award is given to a High School girl graduate to help her continue her education. Recommendations are endorsed for worthy projects. For these services the club has received recognition of various activities by the Press and Radio. The Mayor issues a Proclamation on behalf of the Club during Business Women's Week.

Service to the State Federation has been an important contribution of this club. Ethel Bailey was State President in 1922-1923; Pauline M. Harrison served under her as State Corresponding Secretary. Virfsel Roe was District Director during 1949-1950. Claska Welliver served as Director of District Nine during 1953-1955. Esther Murphy was State Chairman of Public Affairs in 1960-1961 and Reka Matthews International Relations Chairman in 1958-1959. Marie White was State Finance Chairman during 1966-1967. Claska Welliver was the Indiana Representative to International Congress in Paris, France, in 1959. Marie Carlton, a most efficient State Executive Secretary, served in this capacity for nine years, 1958-1967. Recognition has been given for five Gold Star Members in 1965-1966, one of which was Marie Carlton.

GARRETT

On July 1, 1929, this Club became the 55th in the Indiana Federation. Three of its charter members, Lois Cobler, Mary Dean and Mildred Evard are active. It organized the Avilla club. One achievement of which it is justly proud is the starting of the Garrett High School band. Financially, it has supported the Wee Have School for Retarded children, the DeKalb County Roadside Council, and the local hospital plus a number of other local, state and national projects.

Listed among its contributions in service to the state are corresponding secretaries, district directors and committee chairmen. In 1963 it won State Membership Award, won District III Tulipleaf Plaque for membership in 1955, and won first prize for its Float at the DeKalb County Fair.

The club has been able to retain an average membership of forty-two during the last four years.

GARY

Gary's club members live in Gary, Chesterton, Crown Point, Highland, Hobart, Portage, Schererville and Valparaiso. The date of the charter was October 1, 1925, and it listed twenty-five members, only one, Anna Grabiel, being active now. The club has many civic and community projects to its credit. In July of 1930 it was hostess to the Northern Central Regional Conference with an attendance of over five hundred delegates from six states; it entertained with an International Pageant on the Lake Front Lagoon, in which seventeen different nationalities in Gary were represented. In 1948 it was recognized by the local Chamber of Commerce and Retail Merchants Association to cover and pick the winners in a "Courtesy Week" project; jointly with the American Association of University Women and the College Club it sponsors an annual community night featuring an outstanding speaker; it cooperated with the Public Schools to sponsor a Career day for Seniors. The club has had an important role on the State and National levels; one of its members, Emma E. Claus, represented the club on the first and second Good Will Tours in 1928 and 1929 and was present at the founding of the International Federation in Geneva, Switzerland, in 1930. In 1946 it presented to the State a bronze trophy to be known as the Sally Butler Award for the outstanding radio program for the betterment of women.

A few of the trophies and citations it has won are: from National—The best Newspaper Editorial Published in Recognition of National Business Women's Week, and Political Alertness; from the state—Most effective News Story in Daily Newspaper, Coverage of National Business Womens' Week, Personal Development, Gold Star club, Equalization, Criteria club, best monthly publication, and "NIKE News." One of its members and a past state president, Miss Mary Jessee, was Hoosier Lady of the Year in 1966. Its average membership during the last five years has been one hundred fifty-seven.

GARY-GLEN PARK

The Glen Park Business and Professional Women's Club was organized February 24, 1958 and chartered April 2, 1958. Charter members still active are: Vivian Coonrod, Irma Hewson, Louise Kelemenic, Mildred Sharrar, Geneva Vlassic, Leah Wells, and Irene Whitsel. Fifty-seven members now belong to this club.

Beginning with the year 1959 the club has sponsored each year a girl to Girls' State. The club has recently supported the School for Mentally Retarded Children. The club in 1961 accepted chairmanship of the Glen Park area for the Cancer Drive, and received a merit award.

Marillyn Karsner served on the State Elections Committee in 1961-1962, as did Bernice Havens in 1966-67. Marillyn Karsner represented the northern part of the State Federation as a member of the State Membership Committee in 1962-1963. Vivian Coonrod served on the State Nominating Committee in 1962-1963, and Leah Wells served as a hostess at State Convention in 1966-1967.

Glen Park became a Criteria Club in 1966-1967; has had a State Membership Award in 1961-1962, 1962-1963, and 1966-1967.

GOSHEN

Represented in the membership list of the Goshen Business and Professional Women's Club are the towns of Goshen, Elkhart, New Paris, Benton, Middlebury, Nappannee, and Union, Michigan. The club, chartered October 23, 1923, contains eleven active charter members: Gertrude Brown, Naomi Hoover, Laura Kindig, Helen Mayberry, Georgianna Reasoner, Ferne Slagle, Hilda Swartz, Nell Tilley, Hazel Weddel, Emma Zollinger, and Dorothy Dale Zook. The club now has an average membership of eighty for the past five years, though the present membership is 105.

Civic and community projects include a Day Lounge in Goshen General Hospital; a contribution toward a First Aid Ambulance; service and money to the Salvation Army for welfare work and summer camp for girls; gifts and parties for children in special education; and holiday parties and gifts for residents of the Elkhart County Home.

The club has received citations for help in the Heart Fund Drive of Elkhart County, for help to the Salvation Army, for Special Education for Children, and for Junior Achievement.

Money has been given to the Ruth Lewman Scholarship Fund, to the Ramallah School for Girls, and to the Chinese Nurses' Home project. The club received a Criteria Award at the State Convention, also an Equalization Award. A Young Career Woman has been sponsored each year during this project.

Mrs. Helen Shaw Krutz, now deceased, was State Second Vice-President in 1924-1925, and President of the State Federation in 1925-1926. Dorothy Cline served as State Treasurer, and Catherine Grise Gardner as Assistant Treasurer. Four members have served as District Dirctors: Nellie Patten Wetzel, Dorothy M. Cline, Betty V. Brooks, and Ruth Gary.

GREENCASTLE

On May 5, 1925 business and professional women from Greencastle, Amo, Clovedale and Fillmore organized this club with ten members. One of the unusual but important community and civic projects to which this club has given support is the Partnership for Youth program to which this club provided one hundred fifty hours of tutoring of potential "drop outs" in the schools. Since 1936 it has helped financially more than thirty young women to complete their education or professional training. It has contributed to all money raising National projects; from National in 1944 it won a Citation for sale of bonds of the value of one ambulance plane. It furnished a room at Putnam County hospital and recently donated gifts and materials for fifty Ditty bags to be sent to Vietnam. Its average membership during the last five years has been fifty-eight.

GREENFIELD

The Greenfield Business and Professional Women's Club was organized in January 1928. Members are drawn from Greenfield, Shirley, Mohawk, and surrounding rural areas. The club was organized through the efforts of Ruby Lamb Janes and Barbara White. Vera Boyd was the first president. Unfortunately, there is no copy of the charter.

The history of the club had almost been completed by Alice Bueter when it was turned over to Kay Boyle for completion in 1950. The materials were in Kay's possession when she was killed as the result of an automobile accident and her relatives were not able to find them. The club experienced a surprise when a "press" book and "minutes" from 1930-1935 were found in the attic of Anna Bridges after her death by her niece, Martha Wales Mason. Some excerpts reveal that there were 27 members for the year 1929-1930. In 1932 mention is made of club activities: a fund for the noon day lunch served to about 85 school children and a rummage sale held in the fall of 1932 to raise funds to help in the club's work. Pictures of Adah Frost and Ruth Handy are contained in these materials and mention is made of Adah Frost serving as State Vice-President in 1928. In March 1929, Greenfield sponsored the Richmond club. In June 1930, mention is made of Ruth Handy having been elected Director of District Six (now Nine).

During recent years, the club has participated in many community and civic projects. In 1964 a "Teen Guide" was printed and distributed to high school students. This was compiled from a student panel questionnaire. A committee of citizens, including a judge and men and women from several organizations plus the school officials formed the advisory committee to choose the panel. In March 1965 the club sponsored a "Guidance and Counseling" Program given by Mr. Frank Liddle for the high school students. This was a two-day program of guidance for behavior during school and after graduation toward a better type of living. Several organizations helped with the expense of this program and ministers and an official of the Welfare Board assisted with the counseling.

Besides those members mentioned in the early part of the club's history, these have served at the state level: Martha Beckenholdt, State Recording Secretary under Bessie Thornton's presidency; Violet Brown served as District Director during 1955-1957, member of the State Nominating Committee, and also member of the State Public Relations Committee. She was State Corresponding Secretary in 1960-1961 when Myrtle Wilson served as President. Alice Bueter was Director of District Nine 1951-1953, Co-Chairman of Membership and Chairman of the special Committee on New Clubs.

The club sponsored a Young Career Girl in 1965 and in 1966 won in District competition. In 1966 the club received the Criteria Club Certificate. The club has contributed to the Ruth Lewman Scholarship Fund, has given aid to foreign students, and contributed to the Sally Butler Fund. In 1965 Greenfield was hostess club for District Nine's Spring Meeting.

GREENSBURG

The Greensburg Business and Professional Women's Club was chartered November 30, 1944. Its members are located in Greensburg, Sandusky, and Milroy. Of the sixteen members chartered, four are still active in the club: Bess LaBarbara, Elsie Harwood Mock, Fern McCracken, and Freda Schatz. The average membership of the club over the last five years has been eighty.

The club has been active in civic and community projects. Six hundred dollars was pledged to the Decatur County Memorial Hospital Expansion Campaign. A blood bank was provided to the Decatur County Memorial Hospital. A voice machine was also given to the hospital for recording X-Rays and doctors' descriptions of operations. A bicycle rack was given to the Public Library. Contributions have been made toward the development of uniform traffice safety for purchasing flasher signals for school crossings. The club joined with the service clubs by donating to help put signs on Interstate 74 welcoming travelers to Greensburg. Gifts are given to Madison, New Albany, and Muscatatuck Hospitals. The United Fund is supported and guests are remembered at the I. O. O. F. Home. The club has received the award of merit from American National Red Cross in recognition of Loyal Service. The club also received recognition for helping the IFYE Program sponsored by Purdue Collegiate 4-H Club.

The club has had two District Directors: Mrs. Elsie Harwood Mock and Miss Clara Bird. Mrs. Helen Braden served as State Health Committee Chairman; Mrs. Margaret Meyer, State Budget Committee Chairman, and Miss Elsie Harwood (now Mock) served as State Public Affairs Committee Chairman. Mrs. Letha Meyer has been a Gold Card member for three years. Miss Roberta Mock, "Young Career Woman," representing the 10th District in the State, won first place in the district. The club received a citation for increasing membership 20% in one year, 1946. The National Federation also commended Greensburg on "Political Alertness." This commendation was signed by Sarah T. Hughes, National President.

GREENWOOD

On the 13th of September, 1955, this club, sponsored by the Franklin club, was organized with twenty-eight members and its charter was presented by Miss Mary Cowger, president of the State Federation at that time. The club has grown until its present membership is seventy-two. It has always observed National Business Women's Week and followed state and national programs. Its members work once each month at the local hospital, have a float and "Stand" during Old Settlers week, sponsor a high school girl for Beauty Queen and also a Beauty contest, assist in the Spring "Prom" for seniors and participate in all local activities when needed. Its average membership during the last five years has been thirty.

HAGERSTOWN

In April of 1934 this club was granted its charter with thirty-six members, one-seventh thereof being still active. This club has assisted young women towards furthering their education or profession by money loaned by the club. It also supports Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts and distributes and furnishes clothes to the needy whenever called upon. Its membership has averaged thirty during the past five years. Juliet Smith has served as District Director. Miriam Smith is currently serving as District Director.

HAMMOND

The Hammond Business and Professional Women's Club is composed of members from Hammond, Whiting, East Chicago, Lansing, and Calumet City, Illinois. The club was chartered about 1928 and three charter members are active to this date, 1966: Mrs. Nina Cravens and Mrs. Lida Owens, both of Hammond, and Mrs. Georgia Brown of Calumet City, Illinois. The club has an average membership of fifty.

The club has organized three clubs: Whiting, East Chicago and Calumet. A Scholarship fund has been loaned four times. Through the years the Hammond Club has given to the Y. W. C. A. and in 1966 gave $1,000.00. Contributions are made also to the Mayflower Home for Girls, and to the County Convalescent and Old Men's Homes.

In 1929-1930, Mrs. Bonnie Robertson served as State President. Mrs. Marvel Plasterer served as State Corresponding Secretary 1930-1931. Mrs. Lula Faulkenburg was Parliamentarian 1948-1950. Mrs. Genevieve Ullin Kelley served on the State Nominating Committee in 1962.

The club has contributed to the Ruth Lewman Scholarship Fund and various other Federation projects.

HARTFORD CITY

The Hartford City Business & Professional Women's Club organized on September 16, 1926 and received their charter May 21, 1927. The club was organized with 49 Charter Members, by Miss Gertrude Barrett, then president of the Muncie Club. Three Charter Members are still active: Miss Josephine Sablon, Mrs. Elizabeth Hyde, and Miss Mary Sablon. Some of the highlights and activities of the club are as follows: In the past twenty-five years they have given a scholarship each year, a commercial award to an outstanding student, and aid to high school girls in need at graduation time. Each year the members entertain the senior girls with an outstanding program. They have donated to the hospital fund drive and are members of the Hartford City Chamber of Commerce. Money Raising programs have been Home Talent Shows, booths at the Street Fairs, raffles, selling candy and nuts, style shows and card parties.

The club has the honor of having as a past club president Miss Ruby Sills, who at one time was National Executive Director of our National Office in Washington D.C.

HOBART

On Aug. 14, 1929, this club received its carter. It has members from no other town. It was organized with thirty-three members and has five active charter members and one honorary member. It has a Scholarship Fund, has contributed to Y.W.C.A. Building Fund, sponsors a Young Career Girl Clinic and has had a representative on State Nominating Committee. It has been honored by receiving a Plaque from Rehabilitation Center and for contribution to Crippled Childrens Fund. Its membership during the last five years has averaged twenty-five.

HUNTINGBURG

On this clubs charter dated January 21, 1957, forty-two members are listed, of which twenty-five are still active. Its present members include women from nearby Holland.

Each year the club awards a trophy to an outstanding senior girl and in addition gives annually $100 in a Scholarship Fund. It has increased and held its membership at sixty-three. On different occasions its members have served on committees at State Convention.

HUNTINGTON

The charter number of this club is 965 and is dated March 12, 1927. Its sponsor was the Fort Wayne club, and it had eight charter members, of which two, Clara Brinnaman and Crystal Miller, are still active. The next year this club organized the Wabash club. The fact that this club had a small membership did not prevent its activities on the community level as evidenced by the outstanding meetings it held to which guests were invited, featuring such noted speakers as Judge Camille Kelley of Memphis, Dr. Thurman Rice, Carl Sandburg, Dr. A. W. Cordier, Dusty Miller, Robert LaFollette and a number of others. Further, it has been a participant in the town's Christmas Lighting Contest, distribution of litter bags, and planting of petunias (Huntington is known as the "City of Petunias"). The club has also furnished rooms at the hospital and placed WELCOME signs at the outskirts of Huntington. The club has won State Awards, had members serve on State Committees, had a District Director, and has been outstanding for the work it has done on the local level of Personal Development. Eleven of its thirty past presidents are still active.

INDIANAPOLIS

The Indianapolis Business and Professional Women's Club was formed in April 1914 as a department of the Woman's Department Club. Miss Mamie D. Larsh who was president of the club from 1921-1923 is still a member of the present Indianapolis Business and Professional Women's Club. The Woman's City Club joined forces with the Business Women's Department and formed the Indianapolis Club in 1927. Miss Glen Anderson and Miss Ida Anderson, members since 1914, are now active in the Brown County Club. Originally there were twenty-five members. The club at present has an average membership of 415-420. Members are drawn not only from Indianapolis but from Beech Grove, Camby, Centerville, Elkhart, Greenwood, Martinsville, McCordsville, Mooresville, Plainfield, Southport, Wanamaker, and Zionsville. Eight members live in other states, one of whom is Sally Butler who has loyally kept her membership in the Indianapolis Club.

The club has lent its support throughout its fifty-three years in every worthwhile project in the city. In more recent years it has lent its efforts to the Anti-Crime Crusade which has had the support of the Indianapolis News and which was the forerunner of new legislation in the city and state, thereby creating a pattern for national change.

The club had a three-year study on housing for women which was attended and supported by women throughout the city. Court Watchers have lent support since the inception of the School Drop-Out Program. An annual scholarship is maintained and money from the club's project each year is used to help worthy high school seniors finish the last year of their work. For a number of years, nine scholarships of one hundred dollars each have been given. A loan fund is maintained at the Indianapolis Business College which has benefited a great number of young women who have needed help in order to enter the business world.

Nine Indianapolis members have served the State Federation as President: Miss Nell Allemong, 1918-1919; Miss Ida Anderson, 1927-1929; Miss Forba McDaniel, 1921-1922; Miss Genevieve Brown, 1937-1938; Miss Sally Butler, 1939-1941; Miss Ruth Hoover, 1944-1946; Miss Ruth Lewman, 1951-1953; Miss Mary Cowger, 1954-1956; and Mrs. Lettie Trefz, 1962-1963. Of this number, Miss Allemong, Ruth Lewman, and Mary Cowger are deceased. Ida Anderson is a member of the Brown County Club. Many of the past presidents served as District Directors or State Committee Chairmen, and proceeded to the presidency through service in other state offices. Also, other members have served the state: Rae McKinnis as State Corresponding Secretary during Ruth Hoover's presidency; Mary Hostetter, as Publicity Chairman; Gertrude Dimke as International Relations Chairman, and Phoebe Jane Huey as Member-at-Large during the presidency of Lettie Trefz.

Ruth Hoover served as Area Chairman of the National Convention in Detroit in 1964. Sally Butler served as President of the National Federation and later as President of the International Federation. Genevieve Brown, Ruth Hoover, Ruth Lewman, Mary Cowger, and Lettie Trefz served as presidents of the Indianapolis Club before holding office in the State Federation. Ida Anderson served as National Second Vice-President.

The club has participated in all Federation projects which have been promoted on the state and national levels.

The size of the club has made it difficult to win awards based on percentage of attendance, which is regretted, yet the club is proud of its large membership. Annual awards have been received from the Women's Council of the Chamber of Commerce and various awards of merit from the civic groups assisted throughout the years. A Criteria Club Award was received from National for 1965-1966, but the best reward has come from the unspoken words of those assisted during the years and the interest and hopes kept alive by the membership.

INDIANAPOLIS-ELIZABETH RAINEY

The Elizabeth Rainey Club was chartered March 8, 1952, with thirty-eight members. Miss Ida Anderson and Miss Marjorie Ford of the Indianapolis Club organized the Elizabeth Rainey Club. Miss Mary Lucile Davis, a charter member, is active in the club and has served as its president. The club was named for Miss Elizabeth Rainey who was a charter member of the Indianapolis Club and the first woman to be elected and to serve in the Indiana House of Representatives.

The first president of the Elizabeth Rainey Club was Miss Alice Alexander, who was elected as State Corresponding Secretary when Mary Cowger was president, but unfortunately had to resign this post for personal reasons.

Miss Kathyleen Black served as State Corresponding Secretary in 1962-1963, and as Recording Secretary in 1963-1964. Miss Betsy Russell served as State Membership Co-Chairman in 1963-1964.

The club has an active list of 19 members. The Adah O. Frost Attendance Award was received from the state in 1952 and again in 1964.

For many years the club held a Christmas Party and took personal gifts to the women at Julietta, a home for aged and indigent. For several years a girl was sponsored at Girls' State. Out of the latter project grew a desire to establish a Scholarship Fund which is financed, in greater part, by holding a rummage sale each year. Candy and jewelry have also been sold for this fund. This continuing project nets the club about $150 a year which is used to help a young woman in high school to go ahead in higher education. When a young woman is chosen, through careful investigation, she is financed in part by this scholarship until her training is completed. All except one of the trainees has finished the required four years. The current recipient is completing her nurses training course.

The Elizabeth Rainey Club is one of the smallest in the Indiana Federation but the members are extremely proud of the fact that each member is a "working member" and not a drone. The Club strives to be worthy of the name Elizabeth Rainey in the advancement of women in all walks of life.

JASONVILLE

This club was organized in 1940 during the administration of Sally Butler; at the present time its members live in Coalmont, Midland, and the

Shakamak Area as well as Jasonville. It has never been a large club but its two charter members, Nell Kruitt and Elizabeth Bramble, are active. It has taken justified pride in the financial aid it has given the Shelter House in Jasonville by supplying siding and screening for it. It has given cash to local Boy Scouts as well as to an outstanding senior in the commerce course in high school. It won the Trophy for the best Float in its Homecoming Parade recently.

JASPER

The Jasper Business and Professional Women's Club draws its members from Jasper and Ireland, Indiana. This club chartered in 1947 is fortunate to have so many charter members who are still active. Of the thirty-two charter members fourteen have continued: Paulyne Brendle, Mary Lee Buehler, Georgine Hardwick, Myrtle Jones, Edna Joseph, Stella Kuebler, Hilda Ruxer, Catherine Schaaf, Ardella Schneider, Virlee Stemle, Mabel Sweeney, Clara Wigand, Margaret A. Wilson, and Margaret V. Wilson.

At the organization of the club the Heart Fund Drive was adopted and it has been continued to this date. Mrs. Georgine Hardwick is the present County Chairman and also the State Secretary of the Heart Association. The club has sponsored the beautification of Jasper, attending the City Council and Chamber of Commerce meetings to get the beautification program started. With the help of the business people of the community potted shrubs and flowers were placed around the city square. City garbage trucks were painted white with the phrase, "JASPER'S BEAUTY IS EVERYONE'S DUTY." The club again attended the City Council and Chamber of Commerce meetings along with the Park Board to stimulate interest in the city swimming pool. To do this the club proposed and sponsored the sale of season tickets for the family. This sale was well accepted and each year since the pool has a record of 400 per day average.

Louise White, who served as State Health and Safety Chairman, with the club's help succeeded in getting long overdue four way stop lights placed at three intersections and highway signs relocated to save many travelers time and distance through Jasper.

JEFFERSONVILLE

The Jeffersonville Business and Professional Women's Club was chartered about 1934. The charter and all the early records were lost in the 1937 flood, therefore the exact dates and early activities are not known. It is believed that this club organized the Corydon, New Albany, and Clarksville Clubs. One active charter member remains in the club: Mrs. Loretta Howard.

When this club first started pitch-in dinners were held in homes, followed by business meetings. Money was made by playing Bingo. Big card parties given at the U.S.O. created interest and fellowship.

Some of the early projects were: sponsoring a war orphan; assisting in war bond sales; and furnished two rooms at the Clark County Memorial Hospital.

Some of the more recent projects are: "A" Honor Banquets and scholarships for the local high school students; heading a fund raising drive for a school for the retarded; and holding an international dinner each February.

The club is proud of having a state president numbered in its membership: Mrs. Myrtle Wilson. Myrtle also served the National Federation as the first Personal Development Chairman.

The club has received a citation from the Mayor for outstanding community service and a trophy for the best float in the sesquecentennial parade in the summer of 1966. During the last five years the club has maintained a membership of fifty.

KEENER-DEMOTTE

The Federation objective, "to extend opportunities to business and professional women through education along lines of industrial, scientific and vocational activities", was the philosophy which brought to the town of DeMotte the drive to organize a club in a small unincorporated area where opportunities for women are limited. The Keener-DeMotte Business and Professional Women's Club was a carefully planned project where questionnaires were sent to women in the community asking whether or not they would be interested in organizing a club. The information was studied carefully by a pilot group of women headed by Evelyn R. Hoeppner who had served the Rensselaer Club as president and also the area of District One as District Director for two years. A meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Hoeppner and plans were made. Being at the point where formal organization seemed to be in order, Miss Mary Jessee Past State President, was invited to the next meeting and a club was born. The enthusiasm of the original group was rewarding and April 1955 was set as the time when the official charter would be presented.

The charter dinner held at the Wagon Wheel in Merrillville with Miss Mary Jessee of Gary serving as the presiding officer was a very wonderful evening and the goal of many had been reached. The name for the club was proposed by Mrs. Cecelia Bol and Mrs. Jacoba Grube. By-laws had been worked on most diligently and adopted with suggestions from the state office.

There were approximately twenty-eight women on the original charter. The historian, Mabel Ann Richards, passed away in recent years and the official history was lost. Charter members continuing to be active are: Alma Abbring, Cecelia Bol, Pauline Bol, Gladys Ewart, Charity Mae Erwin, Beulah Hission, Evelyn Hoeppner Dora Kenning, Mary Kessinger, Toni Lapsley, Donna Mann, Helen Melchert, Evelyn Mickelson, Janette Robinson, Nell Spencer, Lorna Thornton, Norma Thorsen, and Helen Watson. The club maintains an average membership of twenty-eight. Towns represented in the membership are: Keener, DeMotte, Francesville, Michigan City, and Tallahassee, Florida. The club observed its twelfth anniversary in April 1967.

In the community the club sponsors the local Girl Scout movement, attending some of their functions, making an annual contribution, and assisting on emergency calls. A High School girl is sponsored and financed as a delegate to the Student Council Workshop at Indiana University for one week each year. The latest local project was to establish a branch library in the summer of 1966. Miss Ruth Ann Ewart was State Contest runner-up for Miss Congeniality of the Young Career Women's Contest in 1965.

Contributions of money have been sent to the National Foundation and for the State Legislative Conference. The National Federation Criteria Club citation was received for 1965-1966 and the Indiana Federation Membership Equalization Award for 1965-1966.

The members of this club are a strong, stabilized unit, with fine leadership and energetic members. The club meets a definite need in this fast-growing, very forward-thinking community. That great master of words, Thoreau, has very aptly stated a bit of philosophy which reflects the thinking of the group:

> "If you have built castles in the air, your work need not be lost;
> that is where they should be. Now put foundations under them."

KENDALVILLE

This club became the forty third club in the Indiana Federation. The date of organization was November, 1926. Five of the thirty-three charter members, Helen Foehl, Gladys Whitford, Ruth Linder, Frances Stephens and Sylvia Campen are still active. Its members come from South Milford, Rome City, Wolcottville, and Cromwell. The club has supported and followed all projects and programs of the State and National Federations—specifically, Chinese Nurses Home, Riley Hospital, Scholarship Loans, Youth Centers and Dental Fund. One of its members, Elma Iry served as State Vice President during the year 1931-1932. The club has had a Young Career Woman candidate. Their present membership is 90 and during the last five years their average membership has been around 85.

KNIGHTSTOWN

Miss Hazel Heddelson of Knightstown was one of the twelve representative women who comprised the advisory committee which planned our first State Convention in Indianapolis in March of 1918. The list of the charter members is not available but four of the charter members, Flo Hickman, Mary Liesure, Harriett Ratliff and Thelma Kennedy, are still active. The highlight of each club year is the hosting of a community dinner on civic night. Another yearly highlight is the entertainment of the senior girls of Knightstown and surrounding towns with a Tea. The club has contributed the sum of $500 for the town's Swimming Pool. It also purchased the first uniforms for their school band. In Chicago, in 1957, one of the club members received the Membership Achievement Award; another of its members was presented a Plaque at the civic night dinner, as being the outstanding citizen. To the state organization Knightstown has furnished a district director DeLone Henley. While this club is small, thirty in number, during the last five years, its influence is felt and its prestige recognized in the town.

KNOX

The Knox club was chartered February 25, 1948 by Miss Ruth Sutton, District Director. Eighteen of the 22 charter members were initiated, and the officers installed. Six of the charter members are still active, three have passed away, and others have moved away.

The first money-making project of the club was an Amateur Show. During the years they have sold candy, fruit cake, candles, rummage and baked goods, and have held "white elephant" sales. The club served by helping Kiwanis with Christmas baskets by donating money and toys, and sharing with the public special lectures on first aid, safety, civil defense, communism, pathology and Medicare (as connected with the hospital), and investments. They have co-sponsored high school juniors to Girls State; for many years sponsored a Brownie or Girl Scout Troop; have held Teas for senior girls of the county; and during the past several years have given a scholarship to a high school graduate. The club has worked with other clubs in giving parties for wards at the Beatty Hospital, has sent Christmas Cheer to indigent residents of the county, and has provided glasses and hot meals for needy children. They were responsible for a plaque at the Foltz Primary Building, honoring a member of the club. They have also erected emblems on the highway into town. One of the projects of which the club is justly proud is the room for retarded children in the local school. This was an action which they spear-headed and petitioned for in connection with other local women's organizations. Members also worked for a kindergarten, which became a reality in September, 1966.

They have contacted State Legislators in connection with bills they felt should be passed, and have aimed at keeping informed on legislative or industrial activities vital to the community. Currently the club is donating toward the expansion of the hospital, and also the Marshall-Starke Center for Retarded Children.

Every effort is made to have something worthwhile to offer at every meeting, and attendance at the meetings has been most gratifying. The club has had an average membership of forty-two during the last few years.

KOKOMO

The Kokomo Club was chartered in January 1929. Its members are located in Kokomo and South Bend. Of the forty-three charter members, four are still active members: Edith Vogus Divon, Ruth Heaton Marut, Katherine Stahl, and Treva Troyer. Over the last five years the club has maintained an average of one hundred fifty-three members.

On April 12, 1929, a Tulip Tree was planted on the Carnegie Library lawn in memory of a deceased charter member. In March 1930, profits of $212.50 were given to the School Safety Patrol to buy raincoats and hats. In September 1965, five hundred envelopes were typed for the Sangralea Boys' School to aid them in their requests for donations for the school at Christmas time. (This is a home for delinquent boys, similar to Boys' Town only on a smaller scale.) Financial support of the Friendship Home is included as a part of the club's annual budget. (This is a new school for delinquent girls, started in 1966.) Financial aid and support was given to the Kokomo Rescue Mission's Capital Fund for remodeling their home for transients and persons needing aid locally.

Aletha Kirk Slocum has served as District Director twice, as State Membership Chairman and as Member-at-Large on the State Board. Ginevra Mills served as District Director before the districts were changed. Jane Baldwin served as District Chairman and on the State Nominating Committee when Sally Butler was nominated State President.

The club has been the winner of the State Federation's Attendance Award. In 1966, Kokomo was a Criteria Club, and two members held gold membership cards: Ruth Runyan and Gladys I. Burt.

LAFAYETTE

The Lafayette Business and Professional Women's Club, chartered in 1922, is composed of members from Lafayette, West Lafayette, Dayton, Rossville, Clark's Hill, and Mulberry. None of the charter members are living, but the club has increased its original membership to an average of 275 in the past five years, maintaining the second largest membership in the State Federation.

Many projects have been undertaken and much has been accomplished. A room was furnished in the St. Elizabeth and Home Hospitals; rooms were refurnished when the hospitals were recently remodelled and enlarged. Girls have been helped through high school, business college, and Purdue University. For years annual awards have been given to outstanding commercial students from the three local high schools. The club gave $800.00 to "Youth Inc." and members served on the Board of Directors. This was the training school for boys in auto mechanics. A boy has been sponsored in the Soap Box Derby for the past two years.

The club conducted the Heart Fund Drive for seventeen years. For this, the Heart Fund Trophy was received. Each Christmas the Club's Christmas offering goes to the Attendance Officer of the Lafayette School Corporation to be used for needy school children. This usually amounts to $120.00 per year.

Since 1935 the Lafayette Club has held its annual Rose Breakfast the first Sunday in June. This is a club project when all members work, preparing, serving, decorating, and making all arrangements. Proceeds are included in the Community Project Fund from which contributions are made to many community organizations and activities.

The Lafayette Club has been instrumental in organizing two new clubs: the Neoteric, chartered in 1959, and the Tippecanoe Club chartered in 1965. The club has had two State Presidents: Mary C. Kennedy, 1926-1927, and Myra Ruth Freed, 1961-1962. Myra Ruth served as Second Vice-President of the National Federation during the year 1966-1967 and was elected National First Vice-President in New York in 1967. Myra Ruth Freed (now Harmor, as of September 1967) served also as State First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Third Vice-President, Director of District Four for two years, Finance Chairman for two years, and as State Parliamentarian for one year. At the National level, Myra Ruth served as Chairman of World Affairs, 1965-1966.

Service as District Directors has been given also by: Gertrude Shambaugh, 1935-1936; Jean Noreen, 1941-1943; Louise Harrison, 1951-1953; Emily P. Martin, 1961-1963. Louise Harrison was State Treasurer for two years. Jean Noreen served as Recording Secretary two years while Tella Haines and Grace Schoenbaechler each were serving as State President. Jean Noreen also served as Member-at-Large for Ruth Hoover when she was State President. Jean Gigax was State Corresponding Secretary when Myra Ruth Freed was State President. Hazel Bryant Hanson was Corresponding Secretary when Mary Kennedy was State President. Emily Martin served two years as State Finance Chairman, was Chairman two years of the State Nominating Committee, and in 1966-1967, served as Chairman of the Young Career Women's Project. In 1967-1968, Emily was State Third Vice-President and Chairman of Membership. Margaret Chaney, now deceased, was Treasurer for two years, 1933-1935, when Elizabeth Lenfesty was State President. Floy Carlson, also deceased, was State Second Vice-President in 1939-1940. Two young Career Women have been sponsored: Connie Andrews, 1965, and Eleanor Sisson, 1966.

A contribution of $100.00 has been made to the Sally Butler International Scholarship Fund and the sum of $132.50 to the National Federation's

Birthday Fund. Donations in the amount of $50.00 or more have been made to the Ramallah Girls' School.

Here is a club which donates time, service, and money to make the community, the state, and the nation a better place in which to live. There is time, too, for pleasure and fellowship, as all who have ever attended an International Night, given by the Lafayette Club and held at Purdue University, will attest.

LAOTTO

The LaOtto Business and Professional Women's Club, sponsored by the Avilla Club, was chartered May 6, 1967. Charter members include: Mary Bailey, Hazel Balliet, Donna Cartwright, Vuirl Christensen, Jan Fisher, Margaret Hoot, Carrol Houser, Harriet Houser, Bertha LeFever, Ruby Schenk, Pam Sibert, Mary Turner, and Evelyn McBride. The chartering dinner held in the LaOtto Lutheran Church was attended by thirty-eight members of clubs in the district, state officers, and guests. The presiding officer at this meeting was Veragrace French, State Third Vice-President and State Membership Chairman, who also initiated the new members. The installation of officers was performed by Flossie Becknell, State President. Both ceremonies were beautiful, inspirational, sincere. The Director of District 3 and President of the Fort Wayne Club, Ann Ranck, made the introductions, and Nina Rider, president of the Avilla Club, welcomed the new members and guests. Marie Carlton, State Executive Secretary, accompanied by Gladys Penny of Fort Wayne, sang the Golden Key and the Emblem Benediction. Mrs. Hazel Balliet, the newly installed president, accepted the charter and the gavel, a gift of Flossie Becknell, State President. When Mrs. Balliet responded, it was learned that the committees had been appointed and the new club was well on its way to entering into the work of the State Federation and LaOtto civic and community activities.

La PORTE

This club, made up of members from La Porte and Rolling Prairie received its charter on January 7, 1966, with twenty-eight members. Since its organization it has gained in membership and was awarded the Trophy for the greatest gain in members in District One. It has contributed both in time and money to the local community projects and activities, such as T. B. Association, Beatty Memorial Hospital, planting of trees on the court house lawns, and sending a girl to Girls' State. Although one of the newer clubs, it has had representation on State Committees.

LAWRENCE

The Lawrence Business and Professional Women's Club draws its membership from Lawrence, Castleton, Oaklandon, and Marion County. The club, chartered in September 1946, has two members who are still active though neither at this time live in Lawrence: Mrs. Helen Mowrey, now living in the Methodist Home in Franklin, and Mrs. Alice Grein who is in Florida most of the winter.

The club sponsors a team of the young girls Baseball League (which wins). A scholarship placque and pin is presented to the girl picked from the senior class of Lawrence Central High School each year as the outstanding girl student. She is voted upon by her teachers on all facets of scholarship, personality, and outstanding accomplishments. The placque remains at the school with the name of each succeeding girl engraved on it. The pin, designed by Mrs. Mowrey, is given to the girl and shows that she has been honored by the club. It is regretted that the outstanding girls through the years have left the area and have not become members of the club. The club contributes each year to the Five Hundred Festival float of the City of Lawrence. A fund has been established to loan to worthy girls (without interest) to further their education. A big project is to get everyone to vote and the members do! A new project is a "North East Family" in the community and the club hopes to take an active part in bringing it to the community in cooperation with the Service Clubs and PTA's.

The club has had a Money Christmas Tree which netted $32.00. This was sent to National Headquarters for the Chinese Nurses' Home Fund. Money has also been contributed to the Ramallah Girls' School. At the state level the club members have served as pages and other kinds of helpers. Miss Norma Russell served as District Director of District Nine for two years, following this with service on the State Nominating Committee. Mrs. Bernice Sigman has served on the State Nominating Committee and Mrs. Avy Coons as a judge of publicity scrapbooks.

The club has won the Adah Frost trophy for the largest percentage of members present at state conventions three times! A Career Girl was entered in the District contest in 1965.

During the last five years the club has maintained an average membership of forty-nine.

LEBANON

This is one of the early clubs in the State Federation, and to it goes the honor of having the first Treasurer of our Federation, Mrs. H. H. Harnell, who was elected at the first State Convention, which was held in Indianapolis, March 15, 16, 1918 at the Claypool Hotel. She served for two years in this official capacity. Since that time, the club has consistently had members who served the Federation not only in an official but also quasi-official capacity—specifically: Miss Helen Beck as state president, state treasurer and state parliamentarian; two state recording secretaries, an assistant treasurer, a number of district directors, chairmen of a number of state committees and one who served as committee member on National level. Two members, Helen Beck and Mrs. R. W. Stark have been Gold Card members for the last three years. This club has to its credit the organization and sponsorship of the Zionsville club. This club is also proud that it was one of the twelve clubs represented at the first state organization meeting and honored again that two of the club's charter members, Mrs. Nelle Talbert and Miss Hazel Whittinghill, are still active. The club has consistently followed the programs outlined by State and National. It has been an integral part of any and all community and civic activities, such as furnishing a room at their local hospital, assisting in Heart and March of Dimes Drives, sponsoring a Girl Scout Troop, serving a Senior Girls Tea, and presenting entries in both Young Career Women and Hoosier Lady of the year. This is one of the largest clubs in the state and has been able to hold its membership around 125 during the last five years.

LIGONIER

This club received its charter along with the Rensselaer club at Convention in Wawasee in 1940 although the ground work for the organization of the club was laid in 1939. Charter members still active are: Gladys Baker, Lucille Roderick, Helen Wolf, Grace Bickel, and Eva Cook. A special day each year comparable to Homecoming is a feature eagerly anticipated. The club assists with Hobby Shows, sends a girl to Girls' State and cooperates in community Christmas Bureau. Its membership averages around thirty-five.

LINTON

This club was sponsored by the Sullivan club, the date of charter being February 6, 1936. Its membership comprises business and professional women from Linton, Dugger, Worthington, Sandorn and Marco. One of its six charter members, Margaret Cooper, is now serving and has served since 1947 as Editor of our official magazine, The Hoosier Business Woman. On the state level, its members have served on various state committees, including Nominating Committee. The current district director, Mrs. Thelma Vaughn, is from this club. The club has consistently subscribed to and supported all state and national projects. It has given generously to the School Swimming Pool, the hospital, scholarships to high school girls, and all other community and civic drives. It is noted for its programs featuring outstanding speakers to which other clubs and organizations are invited. Its membership during the last five years has been around one hundred ten.

LOGANSPORT

The Business & Professional Women's Club of Logansport was formed in 1915, under the name of Business Women's Civic League, for the purpose of doing civic work, and was primarily composed of business girls. January 16, 1923, the name of the club was changed to the Business & Professional Women's Club, and on January 24, 1923 a charter was presented to the Logansport Club, with 28 charter members.

The club helped to establish the Logansport Y. M. C. A. and the Y. W. C. A. has been the meeting place of the Business and Professional Women's Club for several years. Community projects: Y. W. C. A. Building Fund, Memorial Hospital, St. Joseph Hospital, Hendricks Rehabilitation Center, birthday and Christmas parties for the Cass county children's home, a room at Memorial Hospital, gifts and books to the Riley Hospital in Indianapolis, and sponsoring Girl Scouting in Logansport. During World War II the Logansport Club was very active in the War Bond Drive. It cooperated and participated in all the State and National Programs of our Federation. It has had money-making projects including fish fries, bake sales, booths at Fair, and sold candy to help build a boy's dormitory at Sangralea Valley, a home for boys with problems.

The highlight of the club year is the annual sponsorship of Woman Of The Year and Boss Night.

Three of the members have served district four as director: Mrs. Evelyn Sommers Baker, 1945-47; Mrs. Mollie Good Lenon, 1956-58; and Miss Alice Hanley 1962-64. Miss Hanley also served the State Federation as recording secretary 1965-67, and is currently chairman of State Nominating committee.

MADISON

The Madison Business and Professional Women's Club draws its members from Madison and Milton, Kentucky. This club chartered in 1934 or 1935 had eleven members, but now has an average membership of one hundred. Charter members active at this time are Mary Brown, Stella Cisco, Lydia Lucht, Mary Rodgers, and Anna Goss Turner.

The club participates in community affairs by presenting a scholarship to a commercial student, sponsoring a UN Trip for seniors, sending a girl to Girls' State, and taking part in the Mental Retardation Program. Library Petitions and serving on the Farm City Committee are also responsibilities gladly accepted. The club sponsored a Young Career Women in 1966 and 1967, became a Criteria Club, and has received a Library Citation as a civic trophy.

MARION

In July of 1929 this club was one of the sixty clubs in the state; one of the charter members, Miss Minnie Carmichael (now 88) is still active. Perhaps the one individual contributing the most to this club was Miss Elizabeth Lenfesty, who served twice as state treasurer (1931-33) and later as state president two terms (1933-35). Miss Martha Babb served as corresponding secretary 1933-1935. The membership now comprises Business and Professional Women from a number of surrounding towns. The club makes loans to students, supplies baskets to the needy, has bought equipment for the Boys Club and assists financially the Salvation Army and Veterans Hospital in its city. Two of its members are Gold Card holders. Its membership during the last five years has averaged one hundred and eighty five.

MARTINSVILLE

This club was organized in April of 1923. Its members are from Martinsville, Paragon and Gosport. One of the original charter members, Ruth Goss, is now active. This club has contributed in money to a number of National projects. It provides clothing to needy school children and gives an Award to outstanding Seniors. Mamie Messmer has served as a State Committee Chairman, and during 1967-1968 Norma Brooks is serving as Director of District Nine. Roxana Roberts served as State Chairman of Elections for 1959.

MICHIGAN CITY

This club in no small way contributed to the growth and stability of the Indiana Federation. It received its charter March 14, 1924, with a membership of one hundred thirteen. Its sponsors were Inez (George) Vail and Mrs. Madge (A. M.) Carstens. During its forty-four years of existence it has had twenty-seven presidents, only seven being deseased.

The year following its chartering, 1925, it entertained the District meeting. It was hostess to the State Convention in 1928, at which time it presented keys to the city to the delegates; on one side of the key was the great seal of our state and on the other side, the emblem of our Federation. In the same year National Convention was held at nearby Mackinac, and Indiana, under the direction of one of the Michigan City members, Mrs. Jessie Barnett, entered a Float depicting the time of "Alice of Old Vincennes." The year 1928-29 was noteworthy for this club. It received from the state first prizes in Health, Scrap Book and Club History, while two of its members were honored, one Jessie Barnett by appointment as state Historian and the other Mary Jane Naughton, as state and national Transportation Chairman. Its membership stood at one hundred forty-four and the first club bulletin, "Singing Sands", made its appearance. It published its first year book in 1933-34. In 1945-46 it sponsored a project to provide equal opportunities for the negro youth of the city. Each year thereafter, with few exceptions, it distinguished itself by participating in all local community and civic activities. It has epitomized the Federations Objectives through its programs. Financial support has been extended to all state and national projects over the years; specifically, various Scholarship Funds, Lena Madesin Phillips Building Fund, Chinese Nurses Fund, plus all others. It has entertained a number of national and international officers and guests; it has given strength and support to the state, national and international Federations by having representatives at the International Congress, National and State Conventions. Many of its members have held official and quasi-official offices on the state level. It sponsored the LaPorte Club in February of 1966 and received from National a fifty dollar award. Its membership during the last five years has been one hundred.

MICHIGAN CITY CAREER WOMEN

This is one of the newer clubs, having been chartered in August of 1966 with forty-three members. Since that time the club has increased its membership to fifty-nine. During its first year the club began to participate in the activities of the community. A family was adopted at holiday time. During Business Women's Week a luncheon was held to which civic leaders were invited. The sum of two hundred twenty-five dollars has been contributed to the Local Service League for equipment. Lucile Polite was Director of District One from 1964-1965 and 1965-1966. In 1967 a Young Career Woman was sponsored and sent to the District Meeting. The Federation has every reason to believe this club will have other important events to record in the future revisions of its history.

MISHAWAKA

The Mishawaka Business and Professional Women's Club draws its membership from Mishawaka, South Bend, Osceola, and Granger. The club was chartered about 1929. Marie Bennett is the only active charter member of the club at this date, 1966. The club has an average yearly membership of sixty-eight.

The club participates by action and contributions to the Memorial Day Parade and the United Nations Observation. Contributions were made to the Indiana Sesquicentennial. A gift of $1,000 was given to Bethel College, and a $300.00 Scholarship to a High School graduate. A Salvation Army Citation and a Memorial Day Parade Citation have been received for civic participation.

Service has been given at the state level by Frances Norton, who served as Director of District Two from 1961-1963, and Mildred Cordier, who was International Relations Chairman, 1949-1950.

MONTICELLO

This club was organized in 1925, in the depression years of 1930 withdrew from the Federation, but came back into the Federation in 1945. In the beginning it had but 14 members, and today two of those members, Julia McQuais and Mabel Overman, are active. To community and civic projects, such as Hospital Fund Drive, retarded children's school, heart fund, T.B. fund and kindred organizations, the club has contributed. Scholarships to senior girls are available each year. Too, it has supported all state scholarship fund, Chinese Nurses Home, Ramallah Girls' School and the International Congress. The club has been recognized for maintaining and increasing its membership.

MONTPELIER

The charter of this club, on which were listed the names of thirty-three Business and Professional Women, is dated October 10, 1928. Five charter members are still active in the club: Mary Ely, Bonnie Kennedy, Pearl Strait, Katherine Johnson and Della Wilson. Since its organization it has given awards to senior girls and helped with the community Christmas party, TB seal sales and other community activities. The club has received citation for participation in Sesquicentennial celebration and has sponsored a Young Career Woman. For the last five years its average membership has been thirty.

MT. VERNON

This is one of the seven clubs organized in 1947. The only active charter member is Miss Edna Utley. This club is unusually active in the town's service clubs; it has three members on the Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce, one member a director on Tourism in southern Indiana, a member on the park board and more recently assisted in the organization of the League of Women Voters. Also, the club is responsible for and does keep the County Nurse's chest stocked each year. The club, having not more than twenty-four in average membership during the last five years, has demonstrated most effectively the worth and value of civic participation. Although it has never had a state officer it has contributed to the State Federation through the programs it has followed and its community service.

MUNCIE

The Muncie Business and Professional Women's Club draws its members from Muncie, Yorktown, Parker, Selma, Oakville, Eaton, Gaston, and Cowan. A group organized in 1919 under the Women's Association of Commerce, but affiliated with the National Federation two years later. The charter was granted in 1921. Of the twelve who signed the original charter, Esther Snyder is still active in the club. The club now has a total membership of two hundred.

It had long been a desire of the Muncie club to set up a Scholarship Fund for deserving girls from Ball State Teacher's College. In 1936, under the presidency of Charline McGuire, a policy of bringing to Muncie outstanding artists in the field of music was instituted. Such programs were badly needed in the community and the response was well worth the effort. Among the artists presented through the years were Lawrence Tibbits, Nino Martini, Nelson Eddy, the United States Marine Band, John Carter, Jeannette McDonald, James Melton, the American Male Chorus, the Sigmund Romberg Orchestra, Fred Waring and the Pennsylvanians. The Nelson Eddy concert alone in 1938 netted the club $2200.00 and the Scholarship Fund became a reality.

Eventually, with the broadening of the musical program for the city of Muncie and surrounding communities through the Civic Music Association and Ball State Teacher's College, the club abandoned this method of money making for the Scholarship Fund. That is, until the opportunity of bringing Liberace to Muncie presented itself. This was the largest undertaking in the history of the club. Muncie's 7500-seat Fieldhouse was filled to capacity and many turned away. The proceeds from this concert were used to pay the club's pledge of $750.00 to Ball Memorial Hospital Building Fund and the balance of $2700.00 was placed in the Scholarship Fund.

During World War Two the thought uppermost in the minds of members of all organizations was to do something to aid in the war effort. The opportunity to sponsor the All Male Show, "Dream of a Clown," was presented to the Muncie Club. The participants were all leading business and professional men in the community. Besides being a money making project for the club in its war effort, it presented an opportunity for the men to forget some of the stress of war and every day business and join in a project which was fun for them with the knowledge that it was being done for a good cause. The project netted the club $1500.00. The profit in this instance was limited due to the limited facilities for putting on the show.

The club then sponsored the Indiana Premiere showing of Warner Brothers picture, "Janie." This project again received the full support of the community, especially the business organizations which purchased blocks of seats for their employees. The show netted the club $6,000.00. When the

$1500.00 from the All Male Show was added to this, the $7500.00 was spent to install a multichannel radio system at Camp Atterbury Hospital. A small balance from this fund, after the installation was completed, made it possible to purchase pillow phones for the patients in the cord ward. When Camp Atterbury was abandoned, all the equipment possible was dismantled and moved to the Veteran's Hospital in Indianapolis.

Each year a special "Girl's Student Aid Fund" is budgeted. This money is used to help girls who might be high school "drop-outs" because of lack of clothing not comparable to that of their fellow students. These girls are not in welfare families, but are girls whose fathers do not have enough income to buy adequate or satisfactory clothing to keep them in school. The club also buys needed supplies for girls in home economic classes who cannot otherwise have materials with which to work. This fund has helped many girls through high school and into a career after graduation. This committee has been chaired since its beginning by Gladys Broyles, a teacher, who has spent a great deal of time investigating the needs of the girls.

The Marion Veteran's Hospital Project started in January 1959. It is known as the BPW Red Cross Volunteers. The committee travels to Marion, sixty miles, in two Red Cross station wagons. Parties are scheduled for the Veteran's Hospital on a yearly basis. The two committees in charge of the current month's club program also takes care of the hospital project. Miss Mary Sablon, Program Hostess since its inception, is responsible for the planning of such parties as: Bingo, Cards, Bowling, Film Slides, Entertainments, Dances, Weiner Roasts, and Cook-outs. The club budgets a small amount per year for this program, and the remainder of the expenses, which are considerable, are donated by the members. They are responsible for 853 dozen home-made cookies, 86 gallons of juices and coffee, the Bingo prizes, and the Canteen books. Five sweaters are given yearly as Christmas gifts to patients in the women's ward. A Certificate of Appreciation is awarded each year from the American Red Cross at the local chapter's annual meeting.

Another yearly project for the Muncie Club is helping with the annual Christmas party at the Salvation Army Citadel. A date is set and some three hundred cards are mailed by the Citadel inviting the mothers of families who have applied for baskets of food for Christmas. An hour long program, arranged by the Major, is held in the auditorium. After the program the mothers are invited to a social hour as guests of the club. They are served punch and cookies and receive gifts such as scarves, jewelry, cosmetic articles, gloves, and hose. Those who have had the privilege of helping with this go home with the satisfaction of knowing that something has been done to make Christmas a little brighter for these under-privileged women.

Contributions to the State or National Federations have been as outstanding as the civic projects. Gertrude Barrett served as State President in 1924-1925 and chairman of the National Federation Program Committee in 1927. Serving as State Directors were: Cora Vogt, 1927 (an ardent worker in the club almost from its beginning until her death in 1963, Cora left the club a legacy of $1500.00); and Villa Clevenger was State Director in 1929. Frances Botsford was State Education Committee Chairman in 1934. Jewel Standerford was Editor of the Hoosier Business Woman in 1934-1938 and Chairman of the State Nominating Committee in 1937. Ethel Hendricks was State Second Vice-President in 1937. District Directors include: Maude Wells, 1934; Charline McGuire, 1937; Winifred Lawler, 1956-1958; Mary Augburn, 1960. State Committee Chairmen include: Helen Nokes, Music; Winifred Lawler, Civil Defense Chairman in 1952-1954 and Public Affairs Chairman, 1954-1956. Several members have served on the State Nominating Committee. The Muncie club entertained the State Federation Convention in 1936, an area State Leadership Workshop in 1951, and the Fall State Leadership Conference in 1965.

Contributions in money have included: aid toward the purchase of two mobile kitchens for England in 1940 by the National Federation; aid toward an International Board Meeting; the Ruth Lewman Scholarship Fund; the National Federation; and one dollar per member, $219.00, for the Chinese Nurses' Home in Formosa.

Civic citations received have been a $50.00 Bond for selling the largest amount of War Bonds and Stamps during Carole Lombard Week in 1942. Other citations have been mentioned in connection with the projects.

The club has received a News Service placque, a placque for increase in membership, and TV and Radio citations for two years in succession, four times in all. The Press Book took third place in 1960. Mary Lou Walburn won the Progress Project Award, 1960, for her letter "Have Girls—Will Travel." Wilma Swingley was a Gold Card winner, 1966.

MUNCIE-CAREER WOMEN

The Muncie Career Women's Club of the Business and Professional Women's Club was chartered July 1, 1947. Forty-four members were listed on the charter and sixteen of them are active to this date in the club: Bertha Arbogast, Clair Jean Bullock, Mabel F. Canan, Katheryne Cole, Lois

Everitt, Celia Groves, Martha Hewitt, Ruby Higman, Dorothy Kreiger, Edna C. Kreiger, Hazel Lamb, Ruby Melvin, Jessie Newton, Mayro Porter, Ernestine Scott, and Velma Sherry. The club maintains an average membership of sixty-five.

A girl is sent to Girls' State each year, and Christmas contributions are made to Wayside Mission.

Violet Green served as State Convention Chairman when Janie Weaver was State President. Violet also acted as Member-at-Large in 1958-1959.

NEOTERIC

In May of 1959 this club was organized with eighteen members and since that time has maintained the same membership. It has received one State Citation. On the local level, it has supplied baskets for the needy at Christmas time and contributed to the Home Hospital Fair.

NEW ALBANY

This club is noteworthy for its civic participation. Organized on March 18, 1947, its charter is signed by Tella Haines, state president, and Sally Butler, national president. Charter members still active are: Ruth Cole, Helen Coleman, Catherine Edlin, Cora A. Jacobs, Jane Frew Pearce, Vera Rockenbach, Gladys Smyth and Jennie Stover.

It has as consistently contributed to such projects as Girls' State, a Girls' Soft Ball Team, Charm School for Girls, Commercian Career Days, Woman Power Panel at the high school, New Albany-Floyd County Recreation Department, and Scholarships to girls at Indiana University, Southeastern center and to any girl furthering her studies in Social Services. Still other projects are a Halloween and Window Painting Contest, a scholarship to Art Seminar at I. U., Halloween Parades, establishing a library for an elementary school, New Albany Industrial Foundation, and the Queen Contest and Float for the State Sesquicentennial. Since 1958 the club has given a Woman of Achievement award to an outstanding woman of the community; this is a traditional event of National Business Women's Week.

Awards received were: Membership, five; Scrapbook, eight; Bulletin, seven; Press Book, seven; Radio, two; Personal Development, two; Community Activities, three; Gold Star Club (state); and Criteria Club National.

The club has had an entrant in the Young Career Woman project each year. Helen Coleman served the state as Director of District 13 from 1957-1959. The club presented a silver bowl to the State Federation in 1959 to be used as a traveling award for Personal Development.

Contributions have been made to Chinese Nurses Fund, Ruth Lewman Scholarship, Business and Professional Women's Foundation. Its average membership during the last five years has been seventy-one. Several of its members have served on various State Committees.

NEWBURGH

The membership of this club is from Newburgh and Evansville. It was chartered January 16, 1958. It has contributed to State and National Projects; it participated in the observance of Indiana's 150 birthday, supported the school clothing bank, and the youth foundation, gave to the swimming pool fund and gave awards to senior girls. From the state it holds a Citation for Equalizing Membership. It is one of the smallest clubs in membership, sixteen to be exact, in southern Indiana but its participation in service in the community and adherence to our Federation's Objectives makes it important in our State and National Federations.

NEW CASTLE

On April 24, 1925, this club received its charter. A number of the charter members are active. This club is a notable example of a club's worth and value to the local community. In 1954 it gave to the city a check for $38840.0 to pay for floridation equipment. It also has a Student Loan, without interest, gives commercial awards, has an Elizabeth Howren Nursing Award and gives a civic award for unselfish service to the community. Its contributions to the state federation have been equally notable as state treasurers and chairmen of different state committees have come from this club.

NOBLESVILLE

The Noblesville Business and Professional Women's Club was chartered around 1921 or 1922. Members are located in Noblesville, Cicero, and Atlanta. Though none of the charter members are active as of this date, 1966, the club over the last five years has maintained a membership of sixty-five.

In the community, contributions to the Community Fund, the Riley Cheer Guild, and the Chamber of Commerce have been made. A representative is sent to Girls' State. Eye surgery is provided for a child sent to the Baltimore Clinic.

At the state level, Berniece Conway served as Director of District Six for two years. Berniece also served as State Finance Chairman.

NORTH MANCHESTER

The Wabash Club organized this club in December of 1929 with sixteen charter members. It has participated in all local projects, such as 4H activities, and scout projects, through personal work and financial aid. Each year it sponsors a Party at the local county farm and gives financial support to a mental patient at Logansport. Its programs over the years have been of such a nature as to attract new members. Today the club's membership is in excess of one hundred. It has had representation on the State Board and currently has a member of the Governor's Commission on the Status of Women.

NORTH VERNON

Members from North Vernon, Scipio, Vernon, and Butlerville make up the membership of this club, chartered April 18, 1948. Of the thirty three charter members, Anna Heaton, Ruby Whiteley, Hazel Smith, Ethel Lynn and Florence Beeman are now active. On the community level it contributes financially to the school library, school band, and North Vernon Swimming Pool. Each year it has a party and program honoring senior girls. It has two Gold Star members and it holds equalization certificates. Its membership has averaged thirty over the last five years.

ORLEANS

On March 19, 1966 the Orleans Business and Professional Women's Club was chartered. This was of particular interest to the state because at that time Ruth Shanks was State President and the president of the new club was Madge Davis, sister of Ruth Shanks. Members were chosen from

Orleans, Mitchell, and Bedford. All twenty-five members continue to be active: Mary L. Bailey, Mae Bradley, Mary K. Burton, Bonnie Busick, Helen T. Carter, Katherine Cartwright, Martha Chisham, Dorothy Clements, Leona Clements, Madge Davis, Joyce Grubbs, Thelma Grubbs, Iris Hodgin, Violet Magner, Lois McLean, Marie Myers, Lois Osborne, Rachel Puckett, Edith Ramey, Dorothy Richardson, Doris Richardson, Rowena Taylor, Edith Terrell, Maye Toliver, and Elizabeth Wilson.

The club entered into community service immediately. One member was chairman of the American Red Cross Drive, with other members serving as collection chairmen. Members have individually given to Mental Health "Gifts for Patients for Christmas" solicitation. Several members help in the Cancer Drive.

The club won Nike Book Ends for the first club in Indiana to stablize its membership in 1966.

OWEN COUNTY

The present membership is made up of members from Spencer, Cloverdale, and Greencastle. Mrs. Mary B. Lombard of Spencer was one of the members of the first State Board of Directors in 1918-19. None of the charter members are now active. In January of 1967 the club was presented the civic appreciation award by Spencer Chamber of Commerce and has also received State Personal Development and Membership Awards. It sponsored free dental fluoride treatment for school children, and works in cooperation with the local Chamber of Commerce in all community activities, such as erecting "Welcome to Owen County" signs on highways approaching the city, Traffic Safety Programs, committee on promoting Tourism and all other civic projects. Its average membership for the last five years has been twenty-five.

PAOLI

The Paoli Business and Professional Women's Club, chartered September 18, 1942, draws its members from Paoli, French Lick, and Marengo. Of the eighteen charter members, three are still active: Louise Mackey, Gladys Pruitt, and Lillian Pruett.

When Orange County decided to build a hospital, the Paoli Club lent a hand with $1500.00 for a room. When the High School Band needed uniforms, the club gave $1750.00. During the Sesquicentennial the club had a bound history of the County published for re-sale, as a benefit to the whole county. For the past three years help has been given the Palmyra Crusade School for Retarded Children with a total of $768.00. Help was given for the new swimming pool in the amount of $250.00. This club of thirty-two members takes pride in the chance to serve the community.

At the state level, Ruth Alexander served as State Elections Chairman and Catharine Strange served on the State Election and State Nominating Committees. The club received a State Stabilization Award in 1966 and entered a Young Career Woman in the 1965 contest.

PERU

Peru was one of the three clubs organized in 1935. Of the nineteen charter members six have been and are now active. These six are Mary Wood Denton, Irene Griest Miller, Esther Kolb, Treva Gray Kuch and Grace Good. A number of its members have served as District Directors and State Committee Chairmen. It has been honored by receiving Sponsoring Citations, Criteria Awards, and recognition for Five Key Sponsors. Its contributions to the community are: Scholarships to high school senior girls; in 1940 it assisted in raising $17,000 from the county for Riley Hospital Research Laboratory; in 1950 it donated to the Peru Rolling Bible School; and in April of 1961 it began and finished in 1965 a donation of $1,356.07 to the hospital's new wing. The club president in 1961 was named Peru's Woman of the Year. It has grown in membership and service to the community and state since its organization. Its average membership attendance the last five years has been forty-two.

PETERSBURG

In the membership of this club are Business & Professional Women not only from Petersburg but also from Winslow and Monroe City. It was sponsored by Oakland City, and received its charter April 5, 1950. Today charter members, Clarice June Hale, Helen Wilson, Gladys Green and Thel Gregory, are active. It is one of the few clubs which reported sending money and a gift to its former club members in the Evansville State Hospital. It assists senior girls financially with furthering their education and also contributes to the Community Fund for the needy at Christmas time. The average membership is sixty-six.

PLYMOUTH

Twenty-eight employed women from the towns and cities of Plymouth, Argos, Bremen, Culver and Donaldson organized this club and received its charter dated June 19th, 1930. Three of the charter members, Gladys Broad, Florence Hoham and Esther Losey, are still active.

This club takes justified pride for service and monetary contribution through civic and community participation in securing the appointment of a woman on the School Board and electing the first council woman, organizing local Hospital Auxiliary, furnishing a security room at the hospital at a cost of $700, decorating other hospital rooms and having available a revolving scholarship fund in constant use.

One of its members, Jeannette Bunnell, was the Federation's second vice president in 1937-38, and in 1965-66, Miss Ruth Shanks served the Federation as president. The club's average membership during the last five years has been around one hundred.

PORTAGE

The Portage Business and Professional Women's Club was chartered September 15, 1961. Members are drawn from Portage, Gary, Valparaiso, Hobart, and East Gary. Of the thirty-two members who signed the charter, sixteen are continuing active members: Hazel Alexander, Hazel Arnold, Estelle Clemens, Lulu Gundrum, Ella Kleckner, Ruth Koeppen, Dorothy Lenburg, Alma Lennes, Vivian Lynott, Nina Nicholson, Bernie Peyton, Ruth Robbins, Lora Rose, Mary Smith, Helen Sproull, and Martha Wilson. The club maintains an average membership of forty-two.

Many projects are undertaken in the community: the club has established an educational loan fund; current magazines, gifts, and good used clothing are collected for the mental hospital; members participate in service to the local blood bank program; a tulip tree is planted on local school grounds each spring; and BPW state and national magazines are placed in the school library.

For three years members have contributed to the Chinese Nurses' Fund, and members have made contributions to the Hoosier Scholarship Fund.

Alma Lennes is serving the State Federation as Director of District One during 1966-1968.

PORTLAND

The Portland Business and Professional Women's Club was chartered in 1924 with eighty-six active members and six associate members. It was originally called the Jay County Business and Professional Women's Club. The dues were $3.00 per year and $1.50 initiation fees were charged. The club's first president was Dr. Harriet Wiley. In the past, meetings were held twice a month. The club chose crimson and gray as its club colors and the red carnation as the club flower. During the first year, the women established a club room in the Meeker Building on North Meridian Street and conducted an employment bureau for women to help them obtain jobs.

The club celebrated its first birthday, February 18, 1925. Two charter members are now active in the club: Mrs. Dessa Leonard and Mrs. Mabel Yarbrough. Of the thirty-five past presidents, twelve are active members in the club at present. Virginia Rowland, now a member of the Bluffton Club and one of the past presidents of the Portland Club, served as state president in 1964-1965. The Portland Club also claims Virginia for her service in many other capacities at the state level. Jennie Rae Hersch, 1928-1929 State President, presented a silver bowl and two silver three-branched candelabra to the state to be used as an award to the club having the greatest percentage of its total membership present at its regular club meetings during the year. This Award is presented each year at State Convention.

In 1947 the club adopted two Belgian boys, ages 7 and 14. It cost $15.00 a year to feed, clothe and send each child to school. The club has also adopted a Korean child.

In 1948, the club canvassed the local business men for funds to buy more lights for Christmas decorations to be strung in Portland. The lights were turned on for the first time, December 2, 1948.

The club sponsors the pet parade each year at the County Fair. It makes loans to young women who wish to further their education. Junior High

School scholarship awards are given each year. The club sponsors the Heart Fund, has a membership in the Chamber of Commerce, meets once each year with the American Association of University Women, and sponsors a Senior Girls' party for the high school girls in the county, as well as helping with civic projects in the locality. The club also has a float in the Football parade.

PRINCETON

In 1928 the Princeton Club was organized. It has but one active charter member, Miss Venita Wagner. In 1950 it won a sponsoring Citation from the State for the organization of the Fort Branch club. Its financial contributions have been to the Mabel T. Tichenor Scholarship Fund, Microfilming Project at the local library, sending a high school junior to Girls' State and beautification of the new park and Downtown Parking Lot. One of its members has served as District Director. Its membership during the last five years has been seventy-five.

RENSSELAER

The Rensselaer Business and Professional Women's Club is composed of members from Rensselaer, Kouts, Wheatfield, Remington, and Morocco. A membership of forty-one is maintained. The charter was granted in April 1940, but in moving the files the charter was lost. However, two charter members are still active: Miss Ona Hooker, and Mrs. Lillie Lane.

The club has helped in the community by donating to the new hospital, the parks, the school for retarded pupils, and needy families of the county. By means of the money given by the club, the Girls Scout Troops were formed in Rensselaer. A High School Girl is sponsored to Girls' State each year.

The club sponsors all state and national projects. Dorothy McKee, from this Club, is serving as Director of District Four, 1965-1967. The Nike Award for the year 1963-1964 was received at State Convention for the percentage of increase in the club's membership.

RICHMOND

Business and Professional Women from Richmond, Greensfork, Webster, New Paris, Ohio and Wooster, Ohio, compose the members of this club, which was organized on May 18th, 1929, with forty-two members; seven of the original members are yet active. Mita Helliker has served as District Director and Evelyn Smeltzer has served as State Finance Chairman 2 years, District Director 2 years, and State Treasurer 2 years. This club is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, has five members on call at all times for Civil Defense, and has contributed financially to Y.W.C.A., Reid Memorial Hospital, and the Boys Club. It has followed closely both State and National Programs, contributed to State and National Projects since the club's organization, been honored with Membership Awards a number of times, had a District Career Girl winner one year, has one member a County official, had their president named the outstanding citizen for their town, has had members on the State named the Board and has had the Federation's Treasurer. It is one of the few clubs which has been able to hold its membership attendance over the last five years at one hundred fifty.

RISING SUN

This club is one of seven organized in 1947. At that time it had eleven members of whom Leah Buchanan and Leona Oberate are yet active. It has received the Jennie Rae Hersh Award, and two of its members have been on State Committees. It has a scholarship fund, has conducted an anti-litter bag campaign, and through its efforts a public rest room was available for a period of time. During the last five years the attendance has been between twenty-eight and thirty.

ROCHESTER

Invitations to a Tea were issued by the Warsaw Business and Professional Women's Club to a number of women in and around Rochester in November of 1965. Under the direction of the president of the Warsaw club and the District Director, Mary Jane Shepler, the Rochester club received its charter on April 18, 1966. Thirty-two members received Certificates of Membership from the National Federation and the State President, Miss Ruth Shanks.

ROCKVILLE

The Rockville Business and Professional Women's Club was chartered February 26, 1966 with thirty-two members. The number rose to thirty-nine in a very short time, and the club now has forty-four members. Charter

members include: Peggy Barnes, Marjorie Bradfield, Edna E. Britton, Edith Bryant, Joanna Callans, Marie Collings, Lucille Cook, Marguerite Cook, Evelyn Cooper, Maye Elenich, Betty Farmer, Margaret Gastineau, Geneva Lee Hale, Celeste Hazlett, Dorothy Hooker, Martha James, Louise Johnson, Ann Loden, Frances I. Loney, Annabel Merry, Sylvia Newlin, Mary Overpeck, Mary K. Poling, Rosanne Reid, Vera K. Sinel, Alice Smiley, Juliet Snowden, Eva Lou Spencer, Marie Stoops, Ruth Summerville, Rose Tarter, and Dorothy Vandivier.

In the short time since the club has been organized outstanding work has been done in the County Tourism program and members have participated in the Sesquicentennial Celebration. In addition the club has: awarded bonds; given cash and certificates to the grade school History Contest; organized booklets and presented them to the legislators in an effort to save the Hospital in the County; and are now editing a book, "Legends and Lores of Parke County."

RUSHVILLE

In the year 1929 the Rushville club was one of the sixty clubs in the Indiana Federation and at this time the state membership was 3600. Its present membership is composed of women from Rushville, Homer, Milroy, Raleigh, Glenwood, New Rochelle, New York, and Arlington. At the time of organization the club had thirty-eight members; of this number, today three, Maude Gardner, Helen K. Ross and Nola Petry are active. In 1950, the club won first in the News Service Awards from the State and in 1952, National honored it with the best News Release. It has had one gold card member. It has been active in community and civic affairs by solicitation for United Fund, Salvation Army, and T. B. Seals; it also purchased equipment for school playgrounds. The club also sponsors a girl at Girls State and has as a guest one senior girl at each of its meetings. Its membership during the last five years has been around seventy.

SALEM

This club is now twenty years old and has many achievements to its credit for community service and club contributions on local and state levels. Its members come from Salem and Pekin. It has doubled in membership. Five of the twenty-two charter members, Catherine Martin Ross, Ella Mae Meadors, Millison Wyman, Evelyn Payne and Oaka Watson, are still active. A Scholarship Loan Fund was established by one of its former members, The club has sponsored the Girl Scouts; it is the only women's group to co-sponsor the local HONOR BANQUET, in honor of all high school students who have made the Honor Roll, the only recognition given these Honor Roll students. For adults, the club has sponsored a series of Seminars on Investments under the direction of a nearby brokerage firm. Its members have served on various State Committees. Mrs. Mary T. Colglayier has served as District Director, State P. R. Chairman, State Eelection Chairman, and State Member at Large. In 1954 it won the Sally Butler Radio and TV Award and in the same year received from National a Citation for membership gain.

SCOTT COUNTY

The Scott County Business and Professional Women's Club was chartered in August, 1941. Members are drawn from Scottsburg, Lexington, Austin, and Blocher. Of the twenty-three charter members eight continue to be active: Velma Brodt, Agatha Everitt, Velma Everitt, Bernice Luckey, Carrie Montgomery, Martha Boswell Parvu, Ruth Stewart, and Dr. Marie Wolff. During the past five years the club has maintained an average membership of 79 members.

During the years 1957-1959 the club spearheaded the drive for the Scott County Hospital, carried petitions to all taxpayers in the County and contributed $4500.00. In 1959 the Hospital Guild was organized. The club helped on the drive for a Community Swimming Pool and in 1962 contributed $1,000.00 to the fund. Five hundred dollars was contributed to the local Red Cross when it was in the red in the county. A Meditation and Prayer Room was furnished for the hospital. In 1958 the Economy Shop was opened for selling used articles of all kinds and it has been open each Friday and Saturday since then. A house was purchased for the Shop in 1962. All proceeds are used for charity and scholarships for high school girls in Business Education.

At the state level two District Directors have come from this club, Emma Cravens and Emma Baker, and one member has served on the State Nominating Committee. The club has also contributed to the National Building Fund and the Chinese Nurses' Home.

The Community Service Award was received for the Hospital Drive. In 1965 and 1966 the club had a young Career Woman. One of the members was runner up for the Distinguished Citizen Award and received a plaque.

SELLERSBURG

At Sellersburg on December 8, 1950 twenty-one business and professional women living here organized the club. A number of its charter members are active now. The club has membership in the town's Board of Trade. It contributes annually to the Volunteer Firemen's Fund. It has contributed to state and national projects including the Sally Butler Scholarship Fund. The average membership during the last five years has been thirty.

SEYMOUR

The Seymour Business and Professional Women's Club was organized in 1927. It is composed of local members, and four of the charter members still take an active part in its activities: Clara Massman, Bertha Meske, Emma Maude Roegge, and Alice Seymour. The average number of members per year in the club is sixty-five.

The club organized the Seymour Career Women's Business and Professional Women's Club in 1959. Members solicit for the Heart Fund Drive each year. A project is held to make money to donate to the Seymour Girls' Club; this past year open house was held at the girls' club and members participated. A State Stabilization Award was received in 1966.

Naomi Heiwig has held many responsible positions in the State Federation. In 1959-1961, she was Director of District 13; during succeeding years she has served as State Public Relations Chairman, State Third Vice-President and Membership Chairman, Second Vice-President and Program Coordinator, and in 1967-1968, State President Elect. Mary Cox, Gertrude Steinkamp, and Alice Seymour have served as District Directors. Alice Seymour also served as State Health and Safety Chairman in 1952-1953.

SEYMOUR CAREER WOMEN

The Seymour Career Women's Business and Professional Women's Club was chartered on August 5, 1959. Of the nineteen members whose names were listed on the charter, three remain active in the club: Pearl Fletcher, Vi Jaynes, and Virginia Snyder. The club has an average yearly membership of twenty members.

Monthly gifts are given to residents of the County Home. Donations of money and membership time are given to the Girls' Club. A scholarship is given yearly to a senior girl who wishes to further her education.

SHELBYVILLE

The Shelbyville Business and Professional Women's Club was chartered in 1927. The average number of members belonging to the club at present is fifty-four. Membership is drawn from Shelbyville, Waldron, Fairland, Fountaintown, Flat Rock, Greensburg, St. Paul, Morristown, and one member lives in California, another in Chicago. Two of the members who signed the charter are active in the Shelbyville Club: Mrs. Viola Murphy and Mrs. Mable Monfort.

One of the outstanding contributions to the Shelbyville community by the club is the Annual Woman's Civic Night. Several members had felt for some time that outstanding women speakers should be brought to the community. Other service clubs were inviting the men speakers. Consequently, when it was possible to get Miss Barbara Napier, a Scottswoman, Dean of the University of Edinburgh, to speak for the price that the club could afford, the Shelbyville Club initiated the first Women's Civic Night in 1950. The local branch of the American Association of University Women was asked to help so the two groups sponsored the annual affair bringing in speakers beyond the budget of just one club. Recently, the Zonta Club has been a sponsor too.

To encourage young girls to train for business and the professions, the Shelbyville Club has given a scholarship to an outstanding girl commercial student in the Shelbyville High School each year. For many years a girl has been sent to Girls' State.

Contributions and voluntary help have been given to about every civic endeavor, either as a club or as individuals. Members have served on civic boards and committees, and members have contributed through the club and as individuals to the Library, the Salvation Army Christmas Fund, and many other similar projects. The members really like the feeling of contributing directly to a needy girl, so for many years clothes were purchased for a girl at Christmas whose need was made known by the School Nurse.

The club is proud to have contributed a State President to the State Federation, Mrs. LaVonne DeVore, who served during 1948-1949. Gladys

Stulb served at the same time as State Corresponding Secretary. One year the club proudly displayed the Adah Frost Award Plaque, won for attendance at State Convention.

SHERIDAN

The Sheridan Business and Professional Women's Club was chartered at a state meeting in Muncie, in May 1936, with thirty-two members. Oretta Butterworth, Pat Hinshaw, and Nellie Pettijohn, charter members, continue to be active in the club. The club now maintains a membership of forty.

The first project undertaken by the club was the sponsoring of a lecture by Mrs. Demarcus Brown, held at the Hippodrome Theatre. During the early years fifty plates and cups were purchased for the Community House; a Scholarship Loan Fund was started; girls of the senior high class were entertained at a spring meeting, and a Mother-Daughter Banquet was held at the May meeting. During the war years most of the members were blood donors, recruited for practical nursing classes, and bought defense bonds. From 1942 through 1944 a Child Health Clinic was sponsored. Four Belgian Orphans were adopted and one member adopted a fifth one. Members have served as leaders of Girl Scout troops and help has been given financially for the girls and the cabin. When the need for a new hospital for Hamilton County was realized, the club contributed to the Sheridan Unit of the Hospital Guild Fund.

Civic Night was started by taking bosses to a meeting, but it has become a meeting open to the entire town and very outstanding speakers have been obtained. In 1949 the club helped organize the Carmel Business and Professional Women's Club. In 1950 the Mary Nave Scholarship was started with funds received from her estate. This scholarship is a gift rather than a loan. The Hobby Show proved to be a success financially and afforded much interest in getting ready for it in 1952.

The Smorgasbord was started in November, 1956 and has become an annual affair with club members from all over the Sixth District being guests. In 1954, the Westfield Business and Professional Women's Club was organized.

When the Community House was purchased, the club purchased a mirror for the powder room. The most extensive project since 1960 has been the sponsoring of the re-decorating and purchasing of new draperies for the entire Community Center, the cost being in excess of $1,000.00.

Some of the members have served on State Committees, and citations have been received for Attendance and Membership increases.

SOUTH BEND

The South Bend Business and Professional Women's Club was chartered April 7, 1924 with one hundred forty-six members. Now active are Mrs. Lydia Johnson and Miss Irma Collmer. Members for this club are drawn from South Bend, Mishawaka, LaPorte, Granger, Osceola, Kewanna, Frankfort, White Pigeon, Michigan, Edwardsburg, Michigan, and Oak Park, Illinois. The average membership of the club is one hundred and six.

In March 1966 the club contributed to the community project, "Meals on Wheels," which delivers meals to shut-ins five days a week. In March 1965 National Business Women's Week opened with a tea at the Y. W. C. A. to which officers of all Civic Women's Clubs were invited. A representative of each club was introduced and invited to tell the aims, objectives and accomplishments of her particular club. At least eight clubs participated: the Mishawaka B.P.W. Club, the South Bend Club, Altrusa, American Business Women, Women's Division of the Chamber of Commerce, National Secretary's, Dental Assistants, Pilot Club, Zonta Club, and Women in Construction. Recognition was also given to outstanding women of South Bend: Mrs. E. M. Morris whose family has done much philanthropically for the community, and Miss Virginia Guthrie of South Bend Civic Planning. From this group participation was formed the Piloting Committee, with a representative from each Club composing a Board of Directors, to co-ordinate the Civic Work of Women in South Bend. Recognition was given the club for initiating the formation of this group.

In 1963, the South Bend Club cooperated with "Partners in Progress" on the Queen's Pageant Awards Committee in soliciting awards for the Queen, her Court of five girls, and each of the other twenty-six contestants. The club also sponsored one of its members in the Queen's contest and was the only Women's Club to participate in this way.

Two money raising projects have been promoted: Contributions exceeding $1,000.00 were given to the Hospital Building Drive and Northern Indiana Children's Hospital.

At the national level the club has given monetary contributions to the Chinese Nurses' Fund and Dr. Maffett's Nurses' Home in Taiwan. At the state level, Bessie Thornton served as State President of the Federation in 1949-51 and became Director of the Northeast Regional. Irene Hiss served as Corresponding Secretary with Bessie Thornton and later as Director of District Two. Freda Noble served as State Legislation Chairman, 1956-1958, Career Advancement Chairman, 1959-1960, and in 1965-1967, State Civic Participation Chairman as well as Chairman of the Special Week End Celebration's of the Sesquicentennial. Veragrace French has served as Director of District II, State Recording Secretary, State Personal Development Chairman, State Third Vice President and is currently serving as State First Vice President. During her year as State Personal Development Chairman the "Hoosier Lady of the Year" state project was initiated. South Bend's Young Career Woman won the State Federation's contest in 1965 and won second place that year in the National Federation contest.

SPRINGS VALLEY

This club, although not organized until 1963, has done many things to its credit and that of the State and National Federations. It has doubled in membership, has won the Adah Frost Trophy, has had an entrant in the Young Career Woman Contest for two years, and participated in local drives such as Cancer, Heart Fund, Red Cross, and Salvation Army. It gives a scholarship of $100 each year to one senior girl and contributes financially to local drives. Its membership for the last five years has been thirty.

STEUBEN COUNTY

The Steuben County Business and Professional Women's Club is county wide. Its members are located in Angola, Fremont, Pleasant Lake, Ray, and surrounding territory in the county. The organization meeting for the club was held November 13, 1927, the charter meeting February 3, 1928. There were fifty members at the time the charter was closed. Pearl Brennan is the only active charter member now in the club. The club has a membership of one hundred fifteen.

In 1930 the club sponosored a "Little Sister." From that beginning a Scholarship was established for which a regular fund is maintained and used each year. For many years the club purchased and cared for Hospital Equipment which is loaned to people who need it. Bed rails were donated to the local hospital. The members participate annually in the United Fund Drive, and some members serve on the United Fund Board. The club willingly participates in civic enterprises sponsored by other groups. At the time the Firemen of Angola established a playground park for children, a drinking fountain was given for the park. One of the latest projects is helping with "The Sheltered Workshop." Members cleaned and helped to furnish one of the rental apartments which is on the second floor of the building. The Young Career Woman of 1966, Joyce Hevel, has charge of the Sheltered Workshop.

Three members have served as District Directors: Myrtle Bearman, Lucille Whitman, and Esther Ferguson. Wilma Decker has served as State Civil Defense Chairman and is currently serving as State Civic Participation Chairman. Esther Ferguson has served as Co-Chairman of the State Membership Committee, and Myrtle Bearman served as State Recording Secretary in 1957-1958. A number of members have served on State Elections Committees. Whenever possible, members have attended State and National Conventions.

The club received "Firsts" on Press Books at the state level; recognition or awards were received on Radio and TV for Community activities. Honors have been won twice for books on Business Women's Week. The Young Career Woman of 1966 participates actively in the community. In the community, favorable citations have been received for work done in Youth Activities; Blood Typing; Traffic Surveys; and the United Fund drives.

SULLIVAN

As the result of an article appearing in the Sullivan Daily Times on the evening of Feb. 27, 1919, entitled, "Would Organize Women's Association," forty employed women met at the city hall. The then president of the Terre Haute Business Women's Association, Miss Emma May, owner of a Dress Shop (later Reporter of Supreme and Appellate Courts of Indiana) and the following July in St. Louis to be a charter member of the National Federation, together with Dr. Florence Wynkoop (French) of Terre Haute and Miss Mary Jane Lovejoy (Thomas) at that time an organizer and representative of the Indiana Business Women's Association, who owned a Music Store in Odon, Indiana, explained the benefits to be derived from an association of wage-earning women. The meeting was chaired by Mrs. Flossie (H. C.)

Steele. Officers elected were: Nina G. Bridwell, president; Mrs. Ora McArthur, vice president; Tella C. Haines, secretary; and Belle Duffy, treasurer. The dues were $1.20 per year. Only two of the charter members, Rose J. Self and Tella C. Haines, have been and are now active in the club. Miss Self served as state recording secretary 1928-30 and as second vice president in 1930-31. Miss Haines served as state president in 1946-47, as a member of National Legislative Steering Committee in 1960-61 and since 1947 and currently, as state Historian. The club has but two honorary members: Miss Sally Butler and Miss Louise Thaden, winner of the Women's National Air Derby in 1929.

The club has been an integral part of the civic and community life of the community. In the early days it held joint meetings with the local Chamber of Commerce and the Rotary Club. The first recognition and Letters of Commendation came as a result of the part the club played at the City Mine Disaster on Feb. 20, 1919, when fifty-one local miners lost their lives; members of the club were the first to arrive at the scene with hot coffee and sandwiches and remained there until the last victim was recovered days later. It also contributed financially to the Fund collected for the families in this disaster. More recently it received from the Mary Sherman Hospital a Citation for the $2000.00 contribution it made to the hospital; the last two years it has received from the local Park Board letters of Commendation for the donations (electrical equipment, chairs, tables, flag) to the Shelter House, at a cost of approximately $1800.00. It also contributed to the local School for Retarded children the sum of $100.00. During the club's forty-nine years it has contributed $100 or more to local charitable organizations. In 1950 the club received a National Citation for Political Alertness and in 1929 won for the State, in a National sponsored contest for the greatest number of Emblem wearers, a silver Trophy on display at our new State Headquarters. A number of the members have been elected county and city officials; some have served on the Library, Welfare and Hospital Boards; two of its members, Miss Self and Mrs. Marie Ward Yaw, are currently serving on the Hospital and Welfare Boards.

The club, with other organizations, is a participant at the yearly Corn Festival in September. The club maintains road side Emblems on highway 41 to the north and south of the city. Each year the club, in some manner, entertains the Senior girls and an award of $25.00 is made to the outstanding Senior girl in the Commerce Department. It has had entrants in Young Career Woman and Woman of the Year contests. An outstanding event for many years has been a Boss's night, or more recently, a Civic Participation Banquet to which representatives of various Community organizations, along with County and City officials, are invited. A Plaque is given to a woman for outstanding voluntary service to the Community. It has to its credit the organization of the Linton and Bloomfield clubs. It has an active Past Presidents' club. Its average membership during the last five years has been ninety-five.

TELL CITY

The Tell City Business and Professional Women's Club was chartered November 22, 1953 with a dinner meeting at the Country Club. Twenty-two new members were present. Agnes Goffiner and Bernice Murphy are still active in the club. The Tell City Club sponsors a Queen for the Mardi Gras yearly, helps with the Swietzer Fest yearly and donates to "Dollars for Scholars." The Ring the Bell Award was received in 1965 and Membership Achievement Certificates have been received at various times. At the District Meeting for 1966-1967, held in Evansville, club members acted as hostesses.

TERRE HAUTE

Authoritative sources record that this club had a representative, Mrs. Lenore Hanna Cox, at the planning and organization meeting of the Indiana Federation and the first State Convention held on March 15 and 16, 1918 at the Claypool hotel in Indiana; sources record also that this club was one of the first twelve in the Indiana Federation. Other members of the club, now deceased, who were active in the early days of the Federation were Miss Emma May and Dr. Florence Wynkoop. These women, and likely others, were responsible for the formation of other clubs in the Terre Haute area, specifically the Sullivan club. The members of the club are from Terre Haute, Brazil, Clinton, Linton, Riley, and Sullivan; a number also are from out of state.

The club's civic and community projects are wide and varied. It sponsored a Girl Scout Troop, assisted in the establishment of a remedial reading program for adults and more recently inaugurated the popular event, "Salute to Women Who Work" dinner, at which time outstanding women nominated by their employers are given Plaques in recognition of their service to their community and their employers. In 1964 this club won the State Personal Development Trophy. It has had a Young Woman Career entrant. Members who have been on the State Board are N. Claire Williams, Emma Flack, Sada Farmer, Emma Platte and Lela O'Hern. The club has been honored by having Mrs. Betty Foster Blumberg serve on the Fine Arts Committee of the International Federation. This club has not only met, but exceeded its quota over the years in State and National Projects. Because of its excellent programs and its civic and community work it has been able to maintain an average membership of one hundred fifty-five.

TIPPECANOE

This club is worthy of emulation by any club. It is positive evidence of what can be accomplished by women with vision and energy. It was not organized until April 25, 1965 with seventeen members from the towns of Fowler, Delphi, Attica, West Lafayette and Lafayette, with Lafayette being its sponsor. A majority of its members are women from the offices of Purdue. It has sent, since its organization, representatives to State and National Convention. It has also received the Runner-up Award for increase in Membership; the club's Young Career Woman entrant was first place winner in the District and was nominated "Miss Congeniality" at State Convention; in 1966 this group had a candidate for "Hoosier Woman of the Year." The club planted a Tulip Tree at West Lafayette Fire Station and joined other clubs during National Business & Professional Women's Week in honoring Miss Myra Ruth Freed, a National officer from Lafayette, and in the sponsorship of a page in two of their local newspapers. At each meeting their guest is a local professional person who addresses the club on a timely and appropriate subject designed to keep their members alert to our changing times. Its ambition is to equal, or even surpass, its sponsoring club which started with seventeen members but now has an enviable record both in membership and in service.

TIPTON

The Tipton Business and Professional Women's Clubs claims members from Tipton, Windfall, Sharpsville, Arcadia, Atlanta, and Hobbs.

The club chartered in 1924 with twenty-five members. Of this number Cora Foster is a continuing member.

The club numbers among its projects a twenty-five dollar gift each year to the outstanding senior boy or girl in Commercial classes and a loan of one hundred dollars to a senior girl. The club recognizes a Senior Girl of the Month and sponsors a Senior Girl Scout Troop. Donations were made to the Tornado Fund at Alto, Indiana. The club also helped with funds for the Band of America touring Europe, two of whom were local students.

The club contributes to the Sally Butler International Scholarship Fund and made contributions to the Chinese Nurses' Home. A certificate was received for participation in the Sesquicentennial celebration for helping to beautify the county. Miss Clair Nell Shirley was the first Young Career Woman and Mrs. Judy Kay Pumphrey won the district contest on a succeeding year.

UNION CITY

In May of 1925 approximately twenty-five business and professional women organized this club. As of this date, only one of the charter members, Ethel Hall Raiser, is now active in the club. One of the clubs first projects was establishment of a Scholarship Loan Fund of one thousand dollars available to graduating Seniors and during the years this club has made loans, which have all been repaid, to forty-seven senior girls and boys. Another project of which they are justly proud is the Avenue of trees from different states planted in their city park. In addition, this club has contributed money and service to its local hospital and assisted financially in the school for retarded children and the furnishing of band uniforms. One of their latest projects is a program for all working women of the city, designed to stimulate interest and acquaint them with the club's objectives, spelled out in service to the community, and at the same time add to their personal development. One of its members, Miss Mabel Ward, was President from 1929-1931 of the Indiana Federation. Freida Blizzard served as District Director and State Historian while other members served on a number of State Committees. They also had an entrant in the Young Career Woman Contest. Their membership has been around thirty-seven during the past five years.

VALPARAISO

This club was one of the few clubs in the State in the early days of the Federation. It was organized in December of 1920 with forty-seven members and today five of this number, Lola M. Schutz, Carrie Coash, Bertha Jordan, Della Stokes, and Ann White are still active. In has grown in service and membership; during the last five years the average membership has been eighty-eight. It has always been an active participant in all civic and community projects including the United Fund. It has had a District Director and an entrant in the Young Career Woman Contest. Winogene Baker has served as District Director and State World Affairs Chairman and is currently serving as State Personal Development Chairman. Chairmanship of the "Hoosier Lady of the Year" and Young Career Woman projects has been her responsibility this year.

VEEDERSBURG

Membership in the Veedersburg Business and Professional Women's Club is drawn from this vicinity and also from Hillsboro and Kingman. The club was chartered in January or February 1950. Nine names were on the charter list and all but two are still active: Ruth Cates, Wilma Fisher, Ruth French, Myrtle Hill, Martha McGaughey, Frances Myers, and Phyllis Nelley. The club now maintains an average membership of twenty-nine.

The largest project of this club is the establishing of a library in Veedersburg. Also, each year the club has sponsored a girl in the community who is outstanding scholastically to Girls' State. Cub Scouts, Brownies and 4-H boys and girls have been helped.

VERSAILLES-OSGOOD

Women from Versailles, Osgood, Holton and Milan comprise the membership of this club. It was organized March 29, 1948. The now active charter members are Clara Brown, Marie Schroder, Mayme Spencer, Rose Hill, and Marie Struble. This is one of the smaller clubs in the Indiana Federation, but its membership during the last five years has been twenty. Its efforts have been centered on the community level in the schools assisting in school awards, purchasing of band uniforms, and providing clothing for the children at the nearby state school. Two of its members have been District Directors, other have served on State Committes, especially at Convention time and it has an entrant in the Young Career Woman Contest. It is now writing a History of Ripley county.

VEVAY

This is one of the seven clubs chartered during the year 1946-47. Its members are from Vevay and Switzerland county. Of the forty-seven charter members, Margaret Barker, Gretchen Cole, Hazel Ellison, Marvel Griffity and Martha Rittneur are now active.

VIGO COUNTY

This club was one of the five clubs in the state organized in 1954. It was sponsored by the Terre Haute club. Its members are from Terre Haute, Vigo County, Seeleyville, Brazil, Riley, West Terre Haute and Paris, Illinois. Twenty-three of the original eighty-two charter members are still active: Mae Burns Neff, Dorothy Coleman, Abbie Coffman Dinkins, Priscilla Creasey, Roberta Cundiff, Fern DeHart, Ivah Marie Fuller, Violet Furr, Sarah Graham, Myrtle Griffith, Alma Joslin, Mable Larew Rall, Mona Murphy, Dr. Zeon McGuire, Faye Nash, Ann Osterhage, Lila Pound, Helen Remmy, Eva Rogers, Cleo Soules Hicks, Lyda Thorpe, Helen Thomson and Virginia Wassell.

Each year since its organization the club has contributed financially to the Beacon School of the Valley, a school for Cerebral Palsy victims, and to the Heart, Police and Muscular Distrophy Funds. During this time they have given six scholarships to worthy women students. In addition its members have given of their time and talents as well as food and clothing to county infirmary and Torner House for girls. On the State and National level, this club has contributed to the International and Ruth Lewman Scholarship Fund, the Minnie L. Maffett Nurses Home, Sally Butler Memorial Fund and National Convention expense in 1964. While the club has received no civic trophies or citations its members have served the State Federation by having Virginia Wassel as District Director for two years and Helen Thompson and Fern DeHart on State Nominating Committee. The average membership during the last five years has been fifty-five.

VINCENNES

The Vincennes club was one of the six new clubs organized in Indiana in 1927. Of the twelve charter members, Maude Lyles and Nellie Stocker are now active. Today its members are not only from Vincennes but from the neighboring towns of Lawrenceville, Illinois, and Bruceville, Monroe City, Westphalia and Wheatland, Indiana.

Its community and civic projects over the years have been varied and outstanding, for which they have won State and National recognition. Scholarship and Loan Funds to students at the local Business School and University are a must for this club. Programs on Safety, both for children and adults, are featured each year for which the club has won a number of awards. It also enjoys the finest relationship with other civic and service clubs. During the year the club avails itself of its local legislators, mayors, public officials, and staff members at the local University. Some of its members hold public office while a number of others volunteer their services to the local community hospital. In recent years the club has won National acclaim and recognition of its annual Youth Power Conferences, which other clubs are following. Its financial contributions have been to local civic celebrations, Good Samaritan Hospital, the Foyer of one of the buildings at the local University and the new Mental Health Hospital. Its contribution in service to the State Federation have been two state Treasurers, Hazel Weir and Louise Morgan; Louise also served as State Finance Chairman. Ellen Wessel served on the Nominating Committee, Helen Roberts as Public Relations Chairman and Christine Gutteridge as District Director. In 1966 the club had a Young Career Woman entrant.

This club has won the Jennie Rae Hersch, Personal Development, Public Relations and scrap book awards together with a number of Certificates of different kinds. While it has not been honored with civic trophies or citations the club has enjoyed excellent publicity from the local radio station, local newspaper and cooperation of all its community folks.

The average membership during the last five years has been one hundred thirteen.

WABASH

In 1929 this club was one of the sixty-three in the Indiana Federation. Its charter listed eighteen members of which Mable Martin, Mary Schornick, and Margaret Klare Shayer are still active. During the years the club has directed its efforts towards: Education Community Service; Health and the Underprivileged; the entertainment of and Scholarships for Senior girls; sponsorship of Girl Scout Troup; Christmas lighting of the city; assisting the

Woman's Club in programs; five years support of Riley Research Fund; initiating better public rest rooms for women in the city; support of "Cheer Inc.," which ministers to some four hundred shut-ins; and gifts to Mental Health. In 1951 it received Honorable Mention from the State Federation for its work in Radio without broadcasting facilities and in September of the same year was host for one of the four Sectional Conferences held in the State.

WARREN COUNTY

In 1928 on October 10, fourteen women organized the Warren County club, and today Philena Shaw and Elizabeth Biggs are the only two who have been continuously and are now active members. During World War II this club maintained an employment office for women. Support of a Girl Scout Troop, a Tea for the Senior girls in the county and awards for commercial and scholastic achievements have been their community projects. Its average membership during the last five years has been twenty-six.

WARSAW

The Warsaw Business and Professional Women's Club, chartered March 4, 1927, is composed of members from Warsaw, Winona Lake, Pierceton, Syracuse, Leesburg, Silver Lake, Claypool, Etna Green, Fort Wayne, Burket, Franklin, North Manchester, and Indianapolis.

Goshen organized this club which began with fifty-eight members and maintains an average membership of one hundred twenty. Charter members still active are: Bertha Bartol, Lockie Chinworth, Ethel Gove, Ruth Hubler, Ruth Ladd, Mildred Miller, Chrystal Osborn, Lucy Upson, and Ruby Yaste.

This club has donated to the Chinese Nurses' Home and the Ruth Lewman and Sally Butler Scholarship Funds. Two delegates are partially financed to the National Convention, and all delegates are partially financed to the State Convention. The Warsaw Chorus and Trio have furnished music several times at State Conventions.

Edna Lower, Ruth Hubler, DeVere Brant, and Mary Jane Shepler have been District Directors. Pauline Jordan has been Member-at-Large, State

Chairman of Civic Participation, Indiana Tourism, Co-Chairman of Membership, and Chairman of Legislation. DeVere Brant served as Chairman of Education and Vocations during 1951-1952. Mary Jane Shepler served two years as co-chairman of the State Membership Committee and twice on the State Nominating Committee. She is serving as State Treasurer during 1967-1968.

The club exerts a powerful influence in the community. In 1955 an Education Fund was established. All proceeds from the County Fair ticket sale are used for the scholarships. The Boots and Shoes Fund has helped needy youngsters in the county. Park benches were placed for the convenience of passengers at strategic places along the bus route from Warsaw to Winona Lake. For years the Christmas Home Decorations Contest was sponsored. When the Chamber of Commerce took this over, the club helped to collect the thousands of dollars needed for the Uptown Street Decorations. In 1966, Eva Schue and her Civic Participation Committee were instrumental in forming a Kosciusko County Historical Association. A goal of 1,000 charter members was set. In 1966-1967, a series of lectures on history were held. Plans are under way for a County Museum.

From National, Sponsoring Citations were received for forming the Rochester Business and Professional Women's Club, a Criteria Club, and one for Tourism. Gold Card winners are Reva Moore and Mary Jane Shepler. The Bulletin and Press Book have won several state awards. Willadene Hill won first on her essay, "Why Indiana Is My Home." A Young Career Woman has been sponsored each year and Kathleen Morphew was the district winner in 1966. For the year 1966 the club has stabilized, equalized, and passed 10% gain in membership.

In the community, a Certificate of Merit was received for help in the Heart Fund Drive. The first Y M C A Distinguished Community Service Award has been received for funds contributed, and many citations have been given the club by the Chamber of Commerce, especially the one for Hospitality Road Signs at entrances to the city.

WASHINGTON

The Washington club is one of the thirteen clubs comprising the sixty clubs in the State Federation in 1929, which had a total membership of approximately 3600. Of the thirty-three charter members, four: Hazel Gantz, Alice Killion, Mary Pryor, and Lucile Vance are active. Community interest and civic participation has been a must with this club as evidenced by its educational loans, commerce awards, support of Girl Scouts, co-operation with the town service and civic organizations by the purchasing of shares in Sesquicentennial, Inc., and membership in Industrial Development Expansion, Inc. It won a Criteria Award in 1966 and had a Young Career Woman entrant. It also holds a citation for Sesquicentennial participation. Some of its members have been District Directors and have served on State Committees. It is one of the few clubs in the state which has increased its membership four-fold in recent years.

WATERLOO

Members of the Waterloo Business and Professional Women's Club are located in Angola, Auburn, Hamilton, and Waterloo. The club was chartered February 29, 1956. Of the twenty-eight members chartered, six continue to be active members: Reuah Bixler Davis, Cleo Dirrim, Ruth Muzzillo, June Parkinson, Earlene Sattison, and Marcelle Voss.

The average membership of the club is fourteen. This group does much to help the community. Each year it contributes to the Needlework Guild, an organization which outfits needy school age children with clothes. Contributions are made to the County Historical Society, the High School Twirling Contest, and other recognized charities. Each years a high school junior girl is sent to Girls' State, and the club sponsors a Girl Scout unit. At Christmas the club secures for each member the name of one girl from the Girls' Infirmary at the State School and supplies each girl with a gift of clothing and a toy.

At the 1965 State Convention an Achievement Certificate, a Membership Award and the Jennie Rae Hersch Award were received. The club sponsored a Young Career Woman in 1965.

WESTFIELD

The Westfield Business and Professional Women's Club was organized October 23, 1956. Included in its membership are women from Westfield, Indianapolis, Hortonville, and Sheridan. Of the thirty original members, seven are still active: Ruby Clark, Elizabeth Commons, Elsie Cox, Josephine Ogle, Cuma Pollard, Lillian Stanley, and Gene Walker.

Though the club has been small in numbers it has tried to be of service to the community. Road signs were erected to greet visitors and residents. Both the Red Cross and Polio fund drives have been sponsored. Help has been given the Jaycees with the annual Halloween parade. Trash containers have been purchased and placed near the school and in strategic locations in the downtown area. In cooperation with the local fire department decorative Christmas lights were secured for the downtown area. A donation was made to the Hamilton County Opportunity School—a school for mentally retarded children. To keep the past in memory a book is presented to the Public Library at the death of any member or a member of the individual's family.

Investing in the future, the club has given a scholarship to a senior girl and it is hoped that by the active interest of the members in the community the cause of BPW goals and the club member's individual growth can be furthered.

WHITING

This club was organized in April of 1927 but did not receive its charter which was signed by the then National president, Lena Madesin Phillips, and State president, Marian Ingham, until May 10. It listed names of forty women, including Ruth Sutton, Anna Baumel and Evelyn Stewart, who are still active. The club is the epitome of the Federation's objectives translated into service and action in its community and the State and National Federations. Civic projects which it has sponsored are: showing of Cancer film, Collection of gifts for mental patients at Beatty hospital, driver training class for women at the Community Center, providing chaperones for its Youth Center, and showing appropriate films of the Indiana Sesquicentennial. Having won so many times the Attendance award in the District, the club was declared ineligible. It won first prize for window display at the city's Diamond Jubilee. From its membership have come district directors and a vice president. It membership in the last five years has averaged thirty-two.

WINCHESTER

The Winchester Club was one of the six which was organized in 1923 when there were only sixteen clubs in the State Federation. There were fifty charter members of which three, Floy Fraze, Fern F. Green, and Stella Mason, are still active. The previous year the state president, Miss Forba McDaniel of Indianapolis, had urged at State Convention in Franklin that a scholarship fund be established in every affiliated club in the state; the Winchester club was one of the first to comply with this request, and, from the club's first earnings, established such a fund, which has been consistently available ever since. The first Girl Scout Troop in the city was started by this club. It was this club that presented to the Randolph County Hospital a new flag pole and flag. An unusual undertaking on the part of the club is the replacement of all dishes and trays at the hospital. Too, it has won from National an "Outstanding Service Citation," and also one for their Safety Program. It is a Gold Star Club and has had an entrant in the Young Career Woman Contest. Membership in recent years has been fifty-six.

ZIONSVILLE

The Zionsville Business and Professional Women's Club was chartered February 5, 1966 with twenty-five members. Two new members were added the first year. The Charter was presented at a dinner held in the Zionsville Methodist Church, the theme, "The Golden Key," being carried out with the beautiful table decorations and the program for the evening. Miss Margaret Wainwright, president of the sponsoring Lebanon Club, gave the welcome. Rev. Robert Anderson of the Zionsville Christian Church gave the invocation. Mrs. Fern Shoemaker, Director of District Six and State Membership Co-Chairman introduced those at the speakers' table, guest clubs, new club members and their guests. State officers were introduced and fourteen clubs from over the state were represented. Judge Paul Johnson, Judge of the Boone Superior Court, gave greetings and the welcome of guests to Zionsville.

Mrs. Alice Stratton of Beech Grove, Second State Vice-President, initiated the new members, assisted by Mrs. Vonda Mae Kouns of Lebanon, Mrs. Marie Carlton of Franklin, State Executive Secretary, sang the Golden Key, accompanied by Mrs. Anna Belle Baker. Mrs. Naomi Heiwig of Seymour, State Third Vice-President and Membership Chairman, presented membership certificates to each new member and each was given a small golden key. Miss Ruth Shanks of Plymouth, State President, installed the new officers and presented the charter.

Charter members have remained active and include: Mrs. Edith Awalt, Miss Anna Belle Baker, Mrs. Mabel Conrad, Mrs. Helen L. Davis, Mrs. Violet

Dicks, Mrs. Celeste Essex, Mrs. Evelyn Ford, Mrs. Ruth M. Fultz, Mrs. Bernice Guingrich, Miss Leona Harmon, Mrs. Wanda Henry, Mrs. Rosalind Knapp, Miss Grace Knox, Mrs. Rose Lee, Mrs. Thelma Munston, Mrs. Phyllis Niksch, Mrs. Zella Reck, Mrs. Mary Rosenstihl, Mrs. Catherine Ross, Miss Janet Schuetz, Mrs. Irene Sprong, Mrs. Nellie Stansberry, Mrs. Sally Sturgell, Mrs. Ivalou Vannice, and Mrs. Doris Weber. Members come from Zionsville and Whitestown. Though the club is very new, it is taking an active part in civic affairs and in District and State meetings.

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